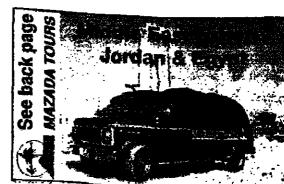
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A-G Ben-Yair resigns, denies being forced out

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Bear Yair unexpectedly announced his resignation yesterday, shocking the political world.

The resignation is to take effect January 1, though Ben Yair said he would be willing to stay a little longer if this were necessary to ensure a smooth transition to his

In a brief press statement, Ben-Yair attributed his resignation to DIMINOUL

"These have been three very. very intensive years, with a huge amount of activity, both during the period of the previous government

and during the tenure of the pre-sent government," he told reporters prior to a lecture in Netanya last night. "After three years like that, it's only natural that there should be a need to be

alone with oneself." However, people who know Ben-Yair said the problem was less the sheer volume of work since he took office in November 1993 than his inability to work with the Netanyahu government. From the government's inception, there were rumors that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu wanted to oust him, and relations between the two have been

decided to open a criminal investigation of then justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, who was Netanyahu's hand-picked choice.

One result of the lack of trust between the premier and his attorney-general was that Ben-Yair felt shut out of the government's decision-making process, sources said. He was not consulted on a variety of important issues - as he used to be under the Labor government -and thus felt his ability to have an impact was minimal.

This is also a convenient time for him to leave, the sources said, since there are no high-profile cases on his plate right now. Had strained ever since Ben-Yair he announced his resignation ear-



Attorney-General Ben-Yair

lier - before the decision to indict Ne'eman, for instance - it might have looked too much like retreating under fire.

denied that he was forced out. "There was no compulsion," he said. "The decision was entirely mine, with no pressure and no

However, Ben-Yair vigorously

compulsion whatsoever."

The coalition denied that Ben-Yair had left because he was kept out of the loop, saying the new government had treated him with all due respect, and that his motives were purely personal. But while most paid standard lip service to his performance, few people in the coalition were sorry to

"He performed an important service, not just for one government,

Israel," said Netanyahu. However, Netanyahu said, he respected Ben-Yair's decision to

but for [two] governments of

"He behaved, I think, according to an appropriate public norm: that of a man who gives his years of service and then moves on," Netanyahu said. "Believe me, I mean to do the same thing, though perhaps not after only one term ... I think this is a praiseworthy norm, whereby people can come from the private [business] sector or the legal world, and then return

to private life or to other occupa-

Coalition chairman Michael Eitan (Likud) said he hopes the new attorney-general would be someone closer to the Likud's political outlook. "The context of [Ben-Yair's] appointment was political," Eitan said. "[Labor] examined what was good for them and who was good for them, and in the nature of things, [Ben-Yair] wasn't ever someone the Likud would have chosen ... But I think he acted more or less objectively as much as someone appointed by a government can be objective."

Knesset Law Committee chair-



Emergency forces take position outside the Paris subway station where a bomb exploded yester-dayn killing two people, and injuring 80. No one has claimed responsibility for the explosion. (AP)

Two killed, 80 wounded in Paris subway bombing

PARIS - A powerful bomb shredded a subway car at a station in the heart of Paris during the evening rush hour yesterday, killing at least two people and wounding over 80 others, 35

Prime Minister Alain Juppe told reporters at the scene that a bomb caused the explosion, and French television said it was fashioned from a 13-kilo gas canister - the signature bomb used in the 1995 bombings that killed eight people and injured 160.

The explosion occurred only hours after a declaration was signed at the organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe summit in Lisbon, staring that: "As we approach the new century, it is more important than ever that we build together a peaceful region, where all our nations and individuals feel secure.

Juppe said the bombing - on the edge of the city's famed Latin Quarter - prompted officials to reinstate an emergency vigilance plan activated after the 1995 subway bomb-

It was chillingly close to the site of the worst of last year's bombings, at the St. Michel station. That bombing killed eight people and wounded 84 others. Algerian Islamic extremists claimed responsibility for most of last year's bombings, which also used

Officials said the bomb exploded on the second car of a long subway commuter train head-

ing toward the southern Paris suburb of St. Remy les Chevreuse.

The subway car was a burned-out hulk of wreckage after the explosion, its doors blown off by the force of the blast, and a second car was damaged.

Passengers in other cars said they felt the force of the blast. Officials said the explosion occurred at 6:05 p.m., at the Port-Royal station, on the RER regional line shuttling thousands of commuters in and out of the French

The bomb exploded just as the train was pulling into the station. French radio said the two people who died were killed instantly, and predicted the death toll might rise because three of the wounded were so badly

Wimesses said the scene was one of panic, of thick black smoke, the chilling wail of ambulances, and paramedics frantically carrying away thrashing wounded on stretchers.

"I saw lots and lots of smoke and I heard a big boom," said a man who gave his name only as Jean-Francois. "People were crying and in a state of shock." The first ambulances were on the scene with-

were rushed to a nearby military hospital specializing in trauma victims. Smoke could be smelled from blocks away

from the subway station. Dozens of ambulances, fire trucks, and at least 30 buses carrying silver-helmeted riot police surrounded the station. An anti-terrorist investigative squad was on the scene.

A man living above the station in an apartment with soundproof windows told French radio he heard "a deafening noise.

"I saw the subway car and it was totally blown apart," he said.

Interior Minister Jean-Louis Debre said France was tightening its borders as a precaution, and train stations and airports across France were on alert and increasing security.

President Jacques Chirac condemned what he called "these unacceptable acts, these barbaric acts that always attack innocent people. "The government and I are determined to fight against terrorism in all its forms. Nothing will be neglected," Chirac said in a

press conference outside the presidential Elvsee Palace. Chirac had been meeting with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl at the time of the

blast, and the pair abruptly canceled a joint appearance. -A witness told France Info radio she heard a large boom and could smell something like gun smoke. "There was a sort of detonation and a strong odor like on a firing range," she said.

filled the area. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the rush-hour bombing.

Netanyahu, Moussa express hope for improved relations

LISBON (AP) - Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu held talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa yesterday. Both he and Moussa said they hoped relations between Israel and Egypt could

he improved. "That was a serious and very frank talk about the [peace] process" Moussa told journalists after the talks, held on the fringes of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) summit in Links.

"We listened to what Mr. Netanyahu had to say. It was a very useful and businesslike meeting," he said about the discussions that lasted for over an hour. "They went very well," echoed Netanyahu. "We discussed all aspects of the peace process in the

Middle East," he said. "Of course we have a number of differences and points of view, but I think there was a real desire to

understand one another." Netanyahn said. Moussa said that he had delivered a letter to Netanyahu from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and had received a written reply in return.

"We hope we can overcome the obstacles in a fair way... to reach a balanced agreement that would sat-isfy both sides," Moussa said.

Netanyahu said in a speech at the summit that "Israel will not be dissuaded from its main strategic aim - to reach a comprehensive peace with all its

In his speech to the OSCE summit, which he attended as an observer, Netanyahu said "terrorism in the heart of our major cities and along our northern border emanated from areas under control of our

negotiating partners.

"And while at the negotiating table we have been speaking about the need for confidence building, on the ground we have witnessed military movements

that have precisely the opposite effect." Netanyahu did not further describe the military

The prime minister also defended his government's (Continued on Page 9)

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Knesset debates... donut deliveries?

LIAT COLLINS

IT was the donut debate of the decade. The issue of who will distribute those round, jelly-filled balls of calories to soldiers dominated the Knesset's plenum agenda yesterday, and was eventually referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee for further deliberations.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai answered several motions to the agenda on the subject, which revolved around the question of whether Habad activists are allowed into IDF camps to give out donuts. Meretz MK Ran Cohen was the most vocal opponent of the policy, while the Likud's Silvan Shalom accused the left of baseless harred.

In his answer, Mordechai announced that in the coming days he will (Continued on Page 9)



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Jerusalem deputy mayor Meir killed in road crash

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Deputy Mayor Shmuel Meir, an outspoken city leader for the past decade, was killed yesterday afternoon when an oncoming truck swerved into his van on the Hizmeh-Adam road just east of the

Meir, among the most well known figures behind the effort to settle Jewish families in the capital's Arab neighborhoods, was pronounced dead at the scene. His companion in the car, Ateret Cohanim settlement group head Matti Dan, was moderately

Police detained the driver of the truck, a UN vehi-cle, and charges will likely be filed against him, a police spokesman said. The initial investigation found that the truck driver, a Jerusalem resident who was released on bail after questioning, was driving too fast for the rainy conditions when he hit the side of Meir's van, the spokesman said.

Shmuel Meir was a courageous fighter for the unity of Jerusalem, which was the most important thing for him," Mayor Ehud Olmert said last night, at a memorial service at City Hall. City leaders and many senior figures in the settlement movement

"All of us here - coalition members, councilors, friends, and political foes - we all already feel his great absence," Olmert said.

Meir, 42, born in Bnei Brak, was married and had eight children. Hundreds participated in the funeral procession from the Rav Kook Yeshiva, where he studied, to City Hall, and then to the Mount of Olives

The accident occurred at around 3:30 p.m., just after a light rain began to fall, when another fatal collision near Jerusalem involving a truck took the life of Givat Ze'ev resident Gregory Leibovitch. The driver of the truck that ran into Leibovitch's car, on the Givat Ze'ev-Jerusalem road near Nebi Samwil, was detained for questioning then released on bail. He is also likely to face charges.

Shmuel was an extremely devoted, single-minded person," said former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek. "I didn't always agree with him and his extremist positions, but I had great respect for him." Kollek and Meir, first elected a city councilor in 1988, were at opposite ends of the political spectrum, particularly on the issue that was closest to Meir's

heart — Jewish settlement in eastern Jerusalem. Meir made a name for himself at City Hall spearheading the efforts to settle Jewish families in the

Moslem and Christian sections of the Old City. Silwan, and other Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem. Kollek said such settlement only created tensions between Arabs and Jews.

For Meir, a religious Jew and long-time member of the National Religious Party, settling Jews in Arab neighborhoods of the city was holy work. He believed strongly that Jewish presence in Arab neighborhoods strengthened Israel's hold on the city.

Meir played a key role in the eastern Jerusalem settlement push of the late 1980s and early 1990s. He was the major activist in Jerusalem for then Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, who was also behind the set-

Meir and Sharon had grandiose plans for building multi-story apartment buildings for Jewish residents just inside the Old City's Herod's Gate and converting the Mimoniya School in Wadi Joz into a Jewish community center in that Arab neighborhood. The two plans never got off the ground, as did the failed takeover of a handful of Arab homes in Silwan in

Next week, another plan pushed by Meir, with the help of Dan, injured in yesterday's accident, is to begin its final hearing before the district planning committee. The plan involves the construction of a lewish housing project in the Arab neighborhood of

Olmen described Meir as a "close friend" and is widely considered at City Hall as being greatly indebted to him for helping elect him mayor. Meir campaigned hard for Olmert and was rewarded with

the most powerful portfolio in City Hall - finance. Meir was also seen as a rising star in the NRP. He was twelfth on their Knesset list in the May election, and had been expected to win a Knesset seat in the next election.

"Meir's death is a great loss to the NRP," party secretary Zevulun Orlev said.

Meir's dedication to the pursuit of clean government may have won him the most respect, particularly among his political foes. Just after his election to the council in 1988, Meir teamed up with a seemingunlikely partner, Meretz faction head Ornan Yekutieli, to uncover alleged financial improprieties of then Interior Ministry director-general Arych Deri.

"Shmuel believed strongly in the importance of clean government. That was more important to him than any political differences there may have been between us," Yekutieli said.



Leah Rabin stands in front of a square named 'Rabin Place,' in honor of Yitzhak Rabin, in Cologne, Germany near the downtown synagogue yesterday. She said her husband had started a train of peace 'which has only one direction...One day we'll reach the destination of peace.' (AP)

Turkey's PM not against F-4 deal with Israel

STEVE RODAN

TURKISH Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan said yesterday that he does not oppose the proposed \$650 million deal for Israel Aircraft Industries to upgrade 54 Turkish Air Force F-4 fighter-jets.

There is no discord related to the modernization of our warplanes," Erbakan told reporters in Ankara. Erbakan did not say whether he had signed the contract, which officials assert has been waiting for his sig-

nature for more than two weeks. Israeli officials reserved comment, but one official said the Israeli government is being assured that Erbakan will approve

"Every day they say it is a technical glitch that should be repaired any day now," the official said. Turkish and Israeli defense sources said Erbakan, who entered office last year on a pledge of reducing military cooperation with Israel, has complained that the deal is too expensive for Ankara. He said the interest being charged by Israeli banks will raise the costs of

the contract to \$800 million. An Israeli defense source said the interest rate reflects the amount of risk determined by the banks in lending money to a project in financially-ailing Turkey. The interest might be high but don't forget it's the banks that take

the risk," the source said.

Another Erbakan complaint is that Turkey's aircraft industry will have insufficient work in the contract.

IAI executives are refusing to comment, but defense industry sources said that an attempt to impose new terms to the F-4 upgrade deal would set the project back significantly. They said IAI has no money to fund the deal and is dependent on bank approval for

Ben-Yair's term marked by controversy

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair's tenure produced few revolutionary decisions, but it nevertheless generated

much controversy. Ben-Yair presided over some high-profile indictments. Former Jewish Agency chairman Simha Dinitz, for instance, was indicted in February 1994 for fraudulently charging personal expenses to the agency, and former agency treasurer MK Meir Sheetrit (Likud) was indicted for the same offense in December 1995. Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi was indicted for illegal wiretapping in August 1995, and Yediot Aharonot editors Moshe Vardi and Ruth Ben-Ari were indicted for the same offense this February. MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) was indicted for using Histadrut funds in his election campaign this past January.

Decisions not to indict However, Ben-Yair also made many highprofile decisions not to indict, which led to conflict with both the High Court of Justice and State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat.

In April 1994, the court ordered him to reopen an investigation against then police inspector-general Rafi Peled for accepting discounts from a hotel chain, saying he had

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to indict then housing minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer for misusing ministry funds this February led to a public and furious argument with Ben-Porat, who felt the minister should have been indicted. In August, the High Court ordered him to indict MK Avner Shaki (National Religious Party), saying his decision not to do so was so unreasonable as to be illegal.

Accusations of politicization Against this background, a flurry of activity during the first month of the Netanyahu government's tenure led to angry accusations of politicization from coalition MKs. During this month, Ben-Yair ordered the indictment of both Agriculture Minister Raphael Eitan (Tsomet) and Jerusalem Mayor MK Ehud Olmert (Likud), as well as a criminal investigation into then justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, whom he later decided to indict. Ben-Yair, however, said the timing was purely coincidental.

Showdown with IDF One indictment aroused the ire of the entire

turned a long-standing policy of not indicting for accidental deaths during actual operations, was made over the objections of then judge advocate-general Ilan Schiff, and evoked angry responses from the army. President Ezer Weizman and MKs of every political hue. This March, however, a military court threw out the indictment, and Ben-Yair said he would not again interfere in the judge advocate-general's decisions.

> One of the major themes of Ben-Yair's tenure was the limits of free speech. For much of his term, the attorney-general was a defender of the principle that people should not be indicted for what they say, and he angered both Left and Right with this stand at different times. One of his most controversial decisions in this arena was in July 1995, when he decided not to indict 30 rabbis who issued a halachic ruling saying soldiers could disobey an order to dismantle army bases in the territories.

Hebron massacre political spec-However, the Hebron massacre in trum: That of February 1994, and even more the assassi-Lt. Yehoshua nation of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin last Sadiel, in June November, led to sharp crackdowns on free-1995, for neglidom of speech. After the Hebron massacre, gence in the Ben-Yair helped the government take what death of one his was probably the most revolutionary step of soldiers during his entire term: The outlawing of the an operation in extreme right-wing groups Kach and

Kahane Chai, on the grounds that they were terrorist organizations. This was the first time any Jewish group had been declared a terrorist organization.

tus for another revolutionary indictment: Rabbi Ido Elba was indicted for incitement in October 1994, on account of a halachic tract he wrote about the permissibility of

killing non-Jews in Jewish law. Rabin's assassination

After Rabin's assassination, Ben-Yair again went through a period in which he filed several indictments against people who praised the murder. He angered the religious community by ordering the investigation of four rabbis for incitement, though he was unable to muster evidence for an indictment, and angered the media by banning it from reporting "inflammatory" remarks - a position from which he backed down a month later under threat of a petition to the High Court. That December, he also indicted the leaders of the civil disobedience movement Zo Artzenu for sedition virtually the first sedition charges ever to be brought against Jews.

Nava Arad Ben-Yair has also had several high-profile decisions not related to indictments overturned by the High Court. One was his decision that Nava Arad could not take Rabin's Knesset seat after the assassination, because she was a senior civil servant. Another was his decision, in July 1994, that Gonen Segev, leader of the breakaway Tsomet faction Yi'ud, could join the Rabin

Halevy to be replaced as ambassador to EU

DAVID MAKOVSKY

confirmed that Israel's ambassador to the European Union (EU) Ephraim Halevy has been notified that he will be replaced at the end

Officials did not deny reports that Halevy angered Foreign Minister David Levy during an incident that occurred two months ago. Halevy, a former deputy head of

the Mossad, is known to have a close personal relationship with Jordan's King Hussein, and was hailed by Yitzhak Rabin as an architect of the 1994 Israel-Jordan peace treaty. After King Hussein made personal attacks on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu a couple of months ago, the premier quietly dispatched Halevy to meet the monarch during a visit to London and seek a reconciliation. When Levy asked Halevy for a copy of his report, the envoy did not comply but instead directed Levy to Netanyahu, who Halevy said was the only one who could grant per-

mission to see the document. However, beyond the incident, there is a history of rivalry between Halevy and Foreign Ministry officials, intertwined

of next year.

with an institutional rivalry

the Mossad In his previous job, Halevy kept

the Foreign Ministry in the dark about developments between Israel and states with whom Israel did not enjoy diploratic relations. Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur felt stymied by Halevy a few years ago when Bentsur called for a plan that be believed would ensure that North Korea would not sell missiles to

The Foreign Ministry fought the proposed appointment of Halevy to become ambassador to Amman a couple of years ago, believing that this would lead to the the ministry being kept in the dark on Jordanian affairs. Rabin yielded to pressure and instead named Halevy ambassador to the EU in Brussels.

A Foreign Ministry statement yesterday sought to minimize any differences with Halevy, saying that his term in Brussels was originally set for two years, and this would be completed. It said that notifying a diplomat a year in advance about the end of his term was routine, and noted that letters have gone out to about 100 diplomats along the same lines. Arafat returns to the road

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Reservist refuses to guard settlers

An IDF disciplinary court sentenced a reserve lieutenant to 18 days hard labor for refusing to join his unit in protecting settlers in the Gush Etzion area. Lt. Roi Kozlovsky, a 30-year-old architect, said he could not participate in guarding people "who are criminals and who have taken land from other people," said members of the conscientious objector organization Yesh Gvul.

Kozlovsky, who is moving to Tel Aviv from Jerusalem, told the court "the responsibility for doing immoral deeds is not only on those who give the order, but also on all those ready to carry the orders out, even if they don't agree to them," Yesh Gvul said. The IDF last night confirmed the sentence but denied that refusal to serve in the territories was a phenomena.

Lebanese civilian wounded by IDF fire A Lebanese civilian was badly wounded by IDF soldiers in the security zone yesterday afternoon, as tension in the region

The incident occurred when troops in the zone's eastern sector spotted a vehicle driving towards them in what appeared to be a suspicious manner. They opened fire, badly wounding the driver of the vehicle. He was treated at the scene and later evacuated to a hospital in Israel. It was not clear last night whether the incident was a case of mistaken identity, or the driver failed to comply with regulations regarding the movement of traffic in the zone.

Federman acquitted of throwing firecrackers Jerusalem Magistrate's Court Judge Bella Kahana yesterday acquitted former Kach spokesman Noam Federman, currently being held under administrative detention, of throwing firecrackers

Federman's lawyer, Naftali Wertzberger, said Federman was acquitted because the police had destroyed the evidence - the firecrackers - before the defense could examine it. Federman has said he was drunk at the time, and does not remember a thing,

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at Palestinians three years ago at Purim. Beit Hadassah resident

Elyashiv Keller was also acquitted.

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat went to Saudi Arabia yesterday in what has now become a routine visit to Arab

states which once shunned him for supporting Iraq in the Gulf War. Arafat's main purpose in visiting King Fahd is to inform him of developments in the peace process and drum up support for the Palestinian Authority's political position in talks with Israel, a position which has won him increasing influence across the Arab world. Egypt, the leader of the anti-Iraq coalition, in 1990, is virtually Arafat's patron today.

In fact, in becoming a frequent flyer Arafat is seemingly filling the role expected by many when he came to Gaza in 1994. Then, he surprised most observers by traveling abroad infrequently and devoting himself primarily to the economic problems.

Economics, despite Gaza's grave plight, has now taken a back seat to roving diplomacy. But in contrast to his pre-Gulf War days, Arafat appears to know the limits of his influence. "He's traveling only because the

peace process is stagnant. It is not jet-setting but coordinating the inter-Arab position," said Yossi Alpher, former head of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies. Arafat's advisers say that despite

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THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Visit of District Governor, Mr. Victor Benaim.

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the increasing number of Arafat's trips, they are short. "He goes for one day after work at 2 p.m. and returns the following morning. We hardly notice he is gone. It is not like before when he was in Tunis. If he accepted all the invitations he receives he would never be here," said Ahmed Abdel-Raheem, the

PA cabinet secretary.

Still, Arafat is traveling as a statesman, not begging for dona-tions. He is cajoling and organizing a coalition of Arab states to support the proposition that he is the voice of reason. Whether Arafat's invitation to the Lisbon conference was rescinded or he chose not to go, there is no evidence that he wanted or needed a meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu at this time

and in such a forum. He feels time is on his side and Netanyahu "does not look at

things as they are," says Abdel-Raheem. In his relations with European states, Arafat's economic demands are higher on the agenda than his belief in European political influence.

Despite his call in Gaza yesterday for Europe "to play a very important role to protect the peace process," he knows its political role is limited, said Abdel-Raheem.



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One elderly resident was slightly hurt yesterday when she tried to cross this ditch dug by the Israel Electric Corporation in Jerusalem's Rehavia neighborhood. An IEC spokesman said the ditch, which made entering the building virtually impossible, was necessary to install electric cables.

(Brian Hender)

Court holds rapist, despite accuser's denial of attack

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court decided yesterday not to free a convicted rapist whose accuser has since been videotaped saying the rape never happened, on the grounds that there are too many questions about the new evidence to justify the man's release at this stage.

David Guetta, 39, was convicted by the Tel Aviv District Court 10 months ago of raping a relative, who was a minor at the time. He was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in prison. His wife then hired a private investigator to prove her husband's innocence, and the investigator got the girl on videotape saying she had lied in court about the rape. Guetta then

requested a retrial. accurate, while her videotaped statement to the private investigator, David Schneider, was a lie.

Justices Aharon Barak, Mishael Cheshin and Dalia Domer ruled vesterday that there was no need for a full retrial. Instead, they said, the district court should hold hearings on the validity of the videotaped confession, and send its conclusions to the Supreme Court, which will take these findings into with her consent.

account when hearing Guetta's appeal. This process could easily take months, however, so Guetta asked to be released in the mean-

Because of the questions surrounding the tape, however, the iustices said Guetta's release at this stage would be premature. Both the state and the girl claim

that Schneider entrapped her into

lying by making her fall in love with him, and then pretending that he wanted to stage a robbery against himself to collect insurance money on his property. He told her he wanted a female accomplice who would be capable ourt about the rape. Guetta then equested a retrial.

However, the state insisted that with him that she lied to convince the girl's testimony in court with him that she lied to convince the girl's testimony in court was him of her suitability as his accomplice, telling him she had even gotten a man convicted of a rape that never happened by lying to the police.

As proof that the girl was lying to Schneider and telling the truth in court, the prosecution notes that the girl told Schneider she never even had sex with Guetta. Guetta, however, admitted to sleeping with her, he merely said it was

Court grants furlough to mentally ill man serving life for murder

THE Jerusalem District Court yesterday ruled that a mentally ill prisoner serving a life term for murdering his wife be granted a furlough, despite objections by Prisons Service authorities and

Yitzhak Kostika was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1989 for the murder of his wife, Sophie. A court ruled that although he was mentally disturbed at the time of the murder, he was responsible for his actions and was able to serve a

prison sentence. Since he was only imprisoned seven years ago, his term has not been fixed by the president. Under normal circumstances, prisoners serving life sentences are only granted furloughs once their sentences are fixed.

Until a few months ago, Kostika was serving his term in the psychiatric ward at Ramle's Ayalon Prison, and police, the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry committee on domestic violence and Prisons

Service authorities recommended he remain there without the possibility of furloughs for now.

After he was released from the prison's psychiatric wing, he was granted a furlough, but his wife's family protested strongly, and demanded he undergo an external examination. The Prisons Service consultation board reconsidered its decision and his furlough was rescinded.

However, yesterday Kostika appealed to the Jerusalem District Court which approved an eighthour furlough, adding that there was no need for him to be accompanied by a warder or policeman.

In an interview on Army Radio yesterday, Na amat chairperson and lawyer Ofra Friedman said that the organization would appeal the matter to a higher court. Kostika's son Rami also said in

an interview that if his father was granted a furlough, he and other family members would fear for their lives.

Campaign launched to boost number of organ donors

JUDY SIEGEL

THE number of people who registered as potential organ donors has jumped by more than 50% this year -10.82,000, or 1.7% of the population – but the figure is still way below that in the US (25%), Holland (21%) and Saudi Arabia (15%).

Israel Transplant, the national coordinating center for organ trans-plants in Petah Tikva, will launch a campaign tomorrow to register with ADI, the voluntary organization that encourages and compiles the list of potential organ donors.

The campaign, which will be held through Hanukka, is called "The Circle of Life." Some 1,600 Rotary volunteers will set up booths around the country to raise the awareness of the need to bequeath organs and to register with ADI. Israel Transplant has also asked government ministers

and the 120 MKs to sign up. In 1995, 4,550 signed registration cards, attached to drivers licenses, or available directly from

ADI at POB 38, Petah Tikva 49100, or by phone at (03) 937-6950 or 921-0248. So far this year, the number of new registrants is 10.721. The current rate is 893 new signatories a month.
A total of 1,031 Israelis are wait-

ing for a transplant, including 800 in the queue for a kidney, 120 for a heart, 50 for a liver, 30 for a lung and 20 for a pancreas. Most will die prematurely while waiting. The queue has lengthened by 8.5% during the past year. The number of transplants carried out since January is 127: 68 kidney, five pancreas, 16 heart, 15 lung and 23 liver. They came from only 39 actual donors.

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Eighth graders - just over average

Begin: International science, math test scores nothing to be ashamed of

CONSIDERING the aura of Jewish prominence in the sciences and mathematics, Israeli eighth graders deserve a "could do better" grade for their middling scores in an international achievement study.

In the Third International Mathematics and Science Study just released. Israeli eighth graders were just a bit above the world average of 513 points in math and the world average of 516 points in science. Singapore topped both charts, with a phenomenal 643 and 607 points respectively.

Israeli pupils averaged 522 points in math, behind coun-

tries such as Austria, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Ireland, Switzerland, the Slovak Republic, Japan, South Korea and

In science, they earned 524 points, behind Thailand, New Zealand, Germany, the US, Sweden, and various Central

European and Asian countries.

Science Minister Ze'ev Binyamin Begin told The Jerusalem Post that while there was room for improvement, the result was nothing to be ashamed of. Israeli researchers continue to rank No. 1 in the number of citations in scientific journals per capita, he said, and "in many fields, we are among the best in the world."

In the Haifa Technion this year, a third of the students are women, Begin said, but more must be done to provide youngsters with role models in the sciences, so that fewer talented brains don't go into law, for example.

Begin quoted a Russian-born teacher he met at Tel Aviv's es, science and technolo Mofet School, attended mostly by talented immigrant lum recently, he added.

pupils from the CIS, who said: "The trick for producing excellence is tradition, commitment and values." Although his ministry does not educate young people, it is getting involved in a project to promote special science activities for children in poorer neighborhoods and development towns, he said.

The Education and Culture Ministry spokesman, commenting on the scores, said the study "shows that Israel, like other strong countries such as Germany, the US, England and Spain, have more to do in this field."

The ministry intends to invest much effort and resources in the advancement of science and technological education - some NIS 300 million a year, he said. A new set of courses, science and technology, was introduced into the curricu-

Blumenthal sets off Knesset storm over immigrants

COALITION whip Michael Eitan will meet with MK Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) to examine the functioning of the Knesset's Aliya Committee which she heads, following a storm in the

committee yesterday.
Nine MKs from Yisrael B'Aliya, Labor, Meretz and Shas walked out of a meeting convened yesterday by Blumenthal to discuss the alleged proliferation of spies

among the new immigrants. They were followed by former

GSS deputy head, MK Gideon Ezra (Likud), who was due to appear before the committee as an expert. Only MK Motti Zandberg remained in the committee room with Blumenthal.

The protesting MKs said later they were incensed by the stigma that was being cast upon the immigrants. "This is a marginal and superficial subject," said Yisrael B'Aliya faction leader Roman Bronfman, "We would like to discuss matters of importance, such

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as housing and employment." The Yisrael B'Aliya MKs, who appealed to Eitan to examine the situation in the committee, charged that Blumenthal was looking for "sensations" at the expense of the immigrants. They said that two other meetings had been held on subjects which attracted the media, but did not touch on the immigrants' real

problems - one concerning the Russian mafia, and another on foreign workers which dealt with

Russian-speaking prostitutes." A spokesman for the faction said attempts to persuade Blumenthal to cancel the meeting had failed, even though the head of the Mossad and the Russian ambassador had turned down invitations to appear before the committee.

Blumenthal reacted by saying: "I don't believe in shutting peoples' mouths... If the Yisrael B'Aliya members had remained in the committee, they would surely have been delighted to hear reports that only a very small minority - a handful - of persons with intentions of spying have arrived here from the former CIS, and that they immediately cut off contacts with their operators on arrival here. Therefore I genuinely believe the debate was necessary and I plan to continue to do everything possible to eradicate the unfair stigma that has been attached to the immigrants."

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Zaire rebels claim New European security blueprint new conquests

GOMA, Zaire (Reuter) - Zairian of Democratic Forces, had caprebels have surrounded the three major towns in northeastern Zaire remaining in government hands and will soon attack them, a rebel leader said yesterday.

Jean Kabongo, a senior member of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation (Congo-Zaire), said his troops have surrounded Kisangani. Zaire's fifthlargest city

Kabongo, special security adviser to rebel leader Laurent Kabila. told Reuters in the town of Goma _ that both Bunia and Walikale had fallen to rebel forces.

Missionary sources said there was shooting in Bunia on Monday, apparently by the Zairean army, but they could not confirm that rebels had taken either of the two towns. Kabongo said on Monday that

tured parts of the city of Kisangani, the biggest in the region, but aid agencies said yesterday the city remained in government hands.

The commander repeated his claim yesterday. "We are in and around Kisangani... There will be a big combat for Kisangani but our forces have been there, around it, for a month." he said.

"Our forces will be advancing around Kisangani... We have also got Bunia and Walikale," he added. The northernmost town confurned in rebel hands is Beni, 220 km north of Goma. Bunia is 140 northeast of Beni and Walikale is 130 km northwest of Goma, on the road to Kisangani.

On Monday both Laurent and Kabongo said Walikale was giving the rebels, known as the Alliance the rebel forces trouble. Kabongo

said they had bypassed it to reach Kisangani, site of a major air base and the government's most likely rallying point in any counter-

Aid agency sources said one aid organization, Aviation sans Frontieres, was pulling out of Kisangani because of the danger.

The United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF in the Zairean capital Kinshasa said it pulled its last two personnel out of Kisangani on Monday to do some work in Kinshasa but the timing was related to the unrest.

Another aviation charity, Mission Aviation Fellowship, said yesterday it had evacuated its planes and personnel from the town of Niakunde, 25 km west of Bunia, for fear of trouble as illdisciplined Zallean troops retreat

LISBON, Portugal - Leaders from 54 nations struggled yesterday with fresh arguments over the protests in Serbia and the problems of former Soviet republics, before adopting a new blueprint for Europe's security in the 21st century, and a declaration enshrining democracy and respect for human rights as the continent's

guiding principles. A long-running row between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagomo Karabakh, a mountain enclave dominated by ethnic Armenians but located in Azerbaijan, threatened to block the entire declaration. However, a last-minute compromise, proposed by the US, enabled the summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to adopt the

political document. The document, which has to be agreed by all countries, was supposed to be issued late yesterday, at the end of the two-day meeting. The security blueprint will say that no member of the OSCE will strengthen their security at the expense of others - a concession to Russia.

The guidelines are seen as a way to commit both NATO and Russia to certain principles,

reached at 54-nation summit

and to reassure both sides, as the Atlantic alliances prepares to accept new members from the defunct Warsaw Pact.

"Given the history of domination and warfare on this continent, [the new security model] is an important step forward," said US Assistant Secretary of State John Kornblum.

At the last OSCE summit in Budapest, two years ago, the organization proved unable to adopt a resolution on the then-raging war in Bosnia, just three hours away by road.

This summit declaration will approve a continued role for the OSCE in Bosnia next year, working alongside the NATO-led peace force and supervising local elections.

Many leaders have expressed concern that Serbia's Milosevic, facing an unprecedented challenge to his nine years of autocratic rule, could use force against protesters now thronging the streets of Belgrade and calling on him to quit. Yugoslavia, comprising Serbia and Montenegro, did not attend the summit because its OSCE membership has been suspended.

to flex its diplomatic muscles in support of Milosevic after Western countries ignored Moscow's pleas on NATO expansion.
Russian Prime Minister Viktor
Chernomyrdin told the summit on Monday that

But Russia, which has often taken Serbia's

side in the Yugoslav conflict, appeared ready

Moscow still opposed NATO plans to take in countries such as Poland and Hungary by the

Russia won little support at the summit for strengthening the OSCE as a counterbalance to NATO, but Moscow did win agreement on a new round of arms control talks that would adapt and extend a Cold War-era arms agreement on conventional forces.

Tuesday's maneuvering illustrated that Europe has far to go before truly shedding the nationalism that has sparked all the continent's bloodshed since the Cold War ended.

In other developments yesterday, Germany and the Czech Republic said they were hopeful a dispute over ethnic Germans expelled from part of Czechoslovakia after World War Two would be resolved soon.

Archbishop

Canterbury

visits Vatican

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Despite their closeness, Catholics and

Anglicans "cannot undo overnight"

historic divisions, the Church of

England's spiritual leader told Pope

John Paul II yesterday. Archbishop George Carey reaf-

firmed his "absolute commitment"

to the "full, visible unity of God's

Church." The subject is dear to the

heart of John Paul, who has said

uniting the branches of Christianity

But it must be acknowledged

"that our Churches bear the marks

of separation and division," Carey

told the pope after arriving in Rome for a three-day visit. 'We cannot undo overnight doc-

trinal differences and the bitterness that have resulted from the

John Paul welcomed Carey warmly, and said, "We have been reminded again and again that even in our sad separation, Anglicans and Catholics have not

ceased to be brothers and sisters in

- The meeting between the pope,

who heads a church of 950 million

souls, and the spiritual leader of 70 million Anglicans is part of

three decades of efforts to bring

Relations have grown more

prickly in recent years. The Church of England began

ordaining women two years ago.

legacy of history."

the churches closer.

is a major goal of his papacy.

African bloc head: Time to submit new nominee for UN chief

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -African ambassadors rallied yesterday behind Boutros Boutros-Ghali despite a suggestion by the head of Africa's regional bloc that the time has come to submit new nominees for the position of UN secretary-general.

Britain's UN ambassador, John Weston, said earlier yesterday that the recommendation by the president of the Organization of African Unity, Paul Biya, would speed up the selection process. Weston said he expected the Africans to submit new names to the Security Council soon.

hour meeting, African ambas-

sadors said no new names would be presented at this time, and that as far as they were concerned, Africa was standing behind the 74-year-old Egyptian whose renomination was vetoed by the

"All reports about abandoning Boutros-Ghali are rubbish," James Jonah, ambassador Sierra Leone, told reporters. "He is still maintained by the African group.'

Egyptian Ambassador Nabil Elaraby, a member of the Security Council, said the meeting produced no agreement on any new candidate and that his government

The unmanned rocket was to Protesters hold Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's death notice as they protest yesterday in downtown Belgrade.

Mars rover launch expected today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida NASA has daily launch opportu-(Reuter) - The blastoff of NASA's nities until December 31. If the first Mars rover was rescheduled probe is not off the ground by which held up yesterday's launch, was fixed, NASA officials said. The space agency said if would make its third attempt to launch the Mars Pathfinder at 1:58 a.m. (0658 GMT) today. Forecasters said there was a 90 percent chance of acceptable weather.

The liftoff was originally set for Monday morning but bad weather caused a 24-hour delay. Then, early yesterday, a ground computer glitch halted the countdown with just one minute and 33 sec-

onds to go.

The McDonnell Douglas Corp. Delta 2 rocket had to blast off precisely on time to put the probe on course for Mars.

"Because we have no significant launch window today, that means that we will scrub for today." NASA launch commentator George Diller said.

The balky computer, which was monitoring the rocket's propulsion system from a control bunker. lost synchronization with a safety system, Diller said.

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Ice on moon?

the planets are suitably aligned

carry the probe on the first leg of

planetary trek to Mars.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The dream that humans someday may live on the moon may have taken a giant leap forward now that scientists say they have a radar signal that suggests the possibility of frozen water deep inside a

The Pentagon said Monday that radar signals from the unmanned Clementine spacecraft have a signature that could be caused by the presence of a mass of ice in a giant crater - known as the Aitken Basin - near the south pole of the moon, which long had Other scientists have their

doubts, suggesting the latest findings are too limited to confirm the presence of water.

Belgrade students march, as judges distance themselves from election ruling

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - Twenty thousand student protesters hit the streets of Belgrade again yesterday, backed by US warnings that Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic might face new sanctions if he cracks down on

Several Supreme Court judges also lent support to more than two weeks of protests that started when courts annulled local elections

won by the opposition to Milosevic.

The Court last week upheld that annulment because of alleged irregularities, but cracks appeared yesterday. Several judges distanced themselves from those decisions.

"I won't accept the slave role of the court. dependent judiciary, loyal and incompetent judges, and I won't keep quiet about their shameful role," said Judge Zoran Ivosevic in a letter to the independent Nasa Borba daily. The education minister, Dragoslav

Mladenovic, in effect banned student demonstrations earlier this week, by ordering university departments to make sure classes were

held. He said steps would be taken against pro-

testers, but he didn't specify. But yesterday, about 20,000 students were marching in the streets again, and at least one column of marchers had a peaceful confrontation with a busload of police.

The students flashed a traditional Serb threefinger salute at the police. Policemen responded with the same salute - a sign of sympathy with the demonstrators.

Later, the demonstrators marched through Belgrade, putting gas masks on their faces in front of Serbia's parliament. They then sprayed the building with detergent and wrote messages on its walls with chalk. "Red bandits, thieves, we are the winners, and Milosevic to The Hague," they wrote, referring to the UN war crimes tribunal in the Netherlands.

A few policemen and parliamentary security officers tried to stop the noisy crowd, but soon withdrew. The Nasa Borba newspaper said that reserve

police were being mobilized in Serbia, appar-

ently to quell the protests. The official Serbian police force numbers about 80,000.

Police set up positions around Belgrade on Monday, but they continued to permit the demonstrations in Serbia - Yugoslavia's dominant republic. In a possible prelude to tougher action, though, police reported the arrests of 32 people over the past several days for "brutal attacks on people's property."

Opposition leader Vuk Draskovic protested the arrests in a statement addressed to Milosevic. The breaking of a few windows, he said, is not an "act of terrorism."

He accused Milosevic of terrorism for his alleged role in fomenting wars that left more than 200,000 people dead or missing in Bosnia and Croatia.

"It is shameful that your judiciary has not put on trial those who have wrecked our country and destroyed thousands of cities and villages. And not with eggs, but with bombs, grenades, and rockets," Draskovic told independent radio

and the number has reached about

2,000. John Paul has firmly closed the door against women Catholic priests, and he raised a protest in his first meeting with Carey, in 1992. An estimated 300 Anglican clerics have defected to Catholicism since. More than half the worldwide

provinces that form the Anglican communion, including American Episcopalians, have women

For his part, Carey has criticized the Catholic Church ban on artificial contraception, which the Church of England permits.

These issues may come up when the two meet privately tomorrow in a longer encounter.

Archbishops of Canterbury have made five previous official visits to the Vatican. The first visit was by Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher in 1960 to meet John XXIII.

Kremlin says general suspended, not sacked

MOSCOW (Reuter) Kremlin blamed the Russian

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Defense Ministry yesterday for a continuing muddle over the

most senior generals, accused of inspecified misconduct.

Gen. Vladimir Semyonov, 56, commander of Russia's land forces, was sacked on Friday and his dismissal confirmed on Monday by the ministry, which accused him of "actions incompatible with his post."

But a spokesman for President

removal of one of the country's Boris Yeltsin said yesterday the ministry had jumped the gun by telling the press Yeltsin had already signed a decree dismissing him.

Sergei Yastrzhembsky said Yeltsin had agreed to Defense Minister Igor Rodionov's request to suspend Semyonov but would not sign his dismissal decree until the accusations had been considered by a presidential committee



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on military appointments. This decree does not exist." Yastrzhembsky told a regular

Kremlin briefing, pointedly avoiding any endorsement or repetition of the accusation of misconduct against Semyonov. The defense ministry said

Semyonov was sacked "for actions which discredit the honor and dignity of a serviceman and are incompatible with his post."

Yastrzhembsky said all ques-tions about what he called "this strong formulation" should be addressed to the Defense Ministry. "Somebody was trying to anticipate events," he added.

General Semyonov told Izvestia newspaper he had been called in

by Rodionov on Friday and told he was being sacked because of serious allegations about unspecified "commercial activities" of his wife, who works in the Moscow office of Rosvertol, a Russian helicopter manufacturer.

Russian commentators were skeptical of this argument but were mostly unable to come up with a better explanation for Semyonov's removal.

Interfax news agency quoted Semyonov as saying yesterday he had still not been presented with any concrete allegations of misconduct and disagreed strongly with the grounds given by the ministry for his removal. He told I vestia he would try to clear his name in court.



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Re-aligning the Syria hints at Brunner cooperation inter-Arab axes The world's most-wanted our one-on-one conversation the case of Alois Brunner, spelling out in great detail the crimes for which

WO developments that took place last week which do not seem connected, may actually have a covert link. Firstly, the partial lifting of the economic embargo on Iraq, in the framework of "oil-for-food," after Iraq agreed to accept United Nations conditions; and secondly, the lack of assistance the US is receiving from the Saudi Arabian government in the investigation into the terrorist attacks committed against American targets in the oil-rich

The obstacles the Saudis are putting in the way of American investigators who are attempting to reach a conclusion about the two terrorist attacks on American installations there, may suggest that the American military presence in the Arab peninsula is not as rock solid as before. Not only are American installations exposed to terrorist attacks by violent opposition groups, but the Saudi government is indicating that the Americans had better move their military bases else-

In this light, we can better understand the reasons behind the sudden agreement to relieve the closure on Iraq.A theoretical improvement in American-Iraqi relations cannot, of course, lead to American installation within Iraq. This would be too much. However, an ease in the tensions in the Gulf may give the Americans a necessary interim period, enabling them to establish their military installations somewhere else - perhaps Jordan. This might be the reason for America's latest statement that Jordan is an ally; other reports described Jordan as a possible candidate to join NATO.

According to reports in the Jordanian press, a high-ranking Iraqi messenger, sent by Saddam, met King Hussein in Amman... This meeting paved the way to the acceptance, in Baghdad, of the UN conditions for the "oil-for-food" deal. Other reports mentioned the Gulf Emirates acting as mediators between the USA and Iraq. Both reports seemed to be true.

Both Jordan and the Gulf Emirates found it necessary to add Iraq to the inter-Arab balance because they do not like the growing influence of the Egyptian-Syrian axis, with its neo-Nasserite hue. This axis is opposed to the integration of Jordan within the regional security system, and regards it as a contradiction to the Damascus Declaration" between Syria, Egypt and the Gulf states, made immediately after the Gulf War, according to which Syria and Egypt were to be responsible for the security in the Gulf - and not Jordan - by moving American bases to its territories.

As for the Gulf Emirates, they want Iraq back in the regional balances for other reasons: They watched, with alarm, the offensive maneuvers the Iranian Army conducted in the Gulf. It seems that they face the dilemma of which is worse: Iraq or Iran - a weakened Baghdad now looks much less threatening than the Ayatollahs in

This is a focal point of disagreement between the Gulf Emirates and Saudi Arabia on the one hand. and Damascus on the other (Syria is Iran's major ally in the Middle East). Saudi Arabia is a partner in the Cairo-Damascus axis, believing that by appeasing Teheran they can avoid the annual clashes in Mecca with the Iranian pilgrims during the Haj to the Holy City. It seems that once a decision is

administration will follow the line of preferring Iraq over Iran. The actualization of the "oilfor-food" deal is to introduce a change in the Jordanian policy. Until now it tried to adhere to the conditions imposed, by the Damascus-Cairo axis, on the Arab world. Once Iraq regains its regional influence, we might witness a renewed Jordanian-Iraqi rapprochement backed by tacit

made to end the policy of double contamment, the new American

Iraq keen to end missile saga with UN

resolve its outstanding problems with the UN, particularly over its alleged possession of banned long-range missiles, Foreign Minister Mohammed Saced al-Sahaf said in remarks on

"We will focus our efforts to close this file [of the missiles] as quickly as possible," Sahaf was quoted as saying in remarks published in local newspapers. He also said Iraq was "seriously

working" to resolve outstanding issues with the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) disarming it under the 1991 Gulf War

Sahaf said UNSCOM's chairman Rolf Ekeus was due in Baghdad on December 8 for talks with the Iraqi authorities on how to tackle remaining problems. Iraq last month agreed to all UN conditions for a partial lifting of the ban on its oil exports of \$2 billion in six months.

The overall curbs on its oil exports, part of comprehensive sanctions imposed for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait, are tied to Baghdad's coming clean about weapons of mass destruction.

UNSCOM suspects fraq may be hiding up to 16 missiles with ranges beyond the 150 km maxi-

RAQ is seriously working to mum Baghdad is allowed to pos-

experts from moving remains of missile engines outside and UNSCOM said Iraq's refusal violated its obligations under the cease-fire that ended the Gulf war when a US-led coalition freed Kuwait from Iraqi occupation.

range missiles that Iraq said it destroyed in 1992 were still in boxes at UNSCOM headquarters in Baghdad ready for shipment abroad. Another 20 to 25 engines remain buried at two sites near

UNSCOM also says Iraq's latest declarations on past weapons programs are flawed and made-

A senior UNSCOM official in Baghdad said the Iraqis recently admitted the gaps in their previous declarations and promised "to be more exact in the future."

"They have confessed that their figures were not exact enough correct when supplying new Baghdad Ongoing Monitoring

which may, again, change the end-less reshuffling of balances in the

support of the Gulf Emirates.

sess or manufacture under the cease-fire terms. Iraq denies the allegations. Baghdad last month barred UN

About 60 engines for long-

and have promised to be more data," Goran Wallen, director of Verification Center said.

than 125,000 Greek, Slovak, Austrian and French Jews to Auschwitz, may be tracked down in Syria if a French investigative team wins permission to look for him in Damascus.

In a historic development. Syrian President Hafez Assad promised his august French counterpart, Jacques Chirac, that he will conduct a thorough investigation of this case.

Assad's intentions already are being tested. French Judge Herve Stephan is set to fly from Paris to Damascus and hopes to receive official permission to conduct an on-the-spot probe there within the next two weeks. Until President Chirac's inter-

vention last month, Syria continued to deny that Brunner, who is 84, had been given sanctuary within its borders and that he was alive and well in Damascus. However, in a letter to Paris-based Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld dated November 29. Chirac writes:

"During my recent visit to Damascus, I mentioned to President Assad in the course of

he has been found guilty in

"President Assad replied to me. and I have made this public, that he would investigate this subject very thoroughly.

Stephan, who has been pressing France's demand for Brunner's immediate extradition to stand trial as the wartime commandant of the Drancy concentration camp from which tens of thousands of Jews were deported to Auschwitz, outlined the scope of his projected inquiry in a letter to the Syrian Justice Ministry dated September

Some of the details were elicited from another Nazi fugitive, Otto Ernst Remer, who apparently found refuge in Spain where the judge interrogated him and Frau Remer. The Remers said they had visited Brunner several times in

Stephan also notes that although two international commissions raised the matter of Brunner's presence in Syria with the Syrian authorities, all that they received was a message indicating that he JAY BUSHINSKY

was "unknown in this country." He dismissed the rumor circulated two years ago that Brunner had died and was buried in a Damascus cemetery, contending "that this has not been confirmed."

The judge, who notified the Syrians that he will be accompanied by French gendarmes, said he wants to verify that Brunner lived at 7 Rue Georges Haddad, Damascus, where he used the alias Georg Fischer, and that he was linked to such commercial firms as Otraco, Thameco and the Khatar Office in which he was associated with Remer.

He also intends to establish the nature of these firms and identify their directors.

It is difficult to imagine that the Syrians would permit French investigators to conduct an inquiry of the scope envisaged by Stephan, but he evidently is undaunted.

He wants to identify the owners of the building in which Brunner lived, interview his neighbors, find out about the foreign delegations that visited Brunner, check the nearby laundry on Rue



Alois Brunner in 1940.

Georges Haddad with whose pro-prietors Brunner was on friendly terms, and find the woman "of Christian origin" who lived with alias Fischer. Brunner Photographs of these individuals apparently are in the judge's file.

Stephan wants to ascertain how Brunner was able to obtain a telephone (number 332090 or 332690) by means of which he has the others had gone to the country.

maintained contact with Europe, and to find out who owned P.O. Box 635 to which he had access at Damascus's central post office.

Bearing in mind the parcel bomb that blew off several of Brunner's fingers and blinded him in one eye, Stephan intends to check the Damascus hospital where he was treated in 1980.

And he expects to consult the Christian clergy in Damascus to learn whether they conducted funeral services for him and whether a tombstone was set up in his name or that of his alias in the capital's only Christian cemetery.

Klarsfeld, who heads the Association of Sons and Daughters of the Jewish Deportees from France, has a personal interest in Stephan's mission,

His late father was deported by Brunner from Nice, the French Riviera city which became a major, refuge for Jews fleeing the Nazis while it was under Italian occupa-

The elder Klarsfeld saved his family by concealing their hideout which actually was on the apartment's premises and saying that he



A young Egyptian girl in a Moslem headscarf raises her fist amid a crowd of adults in Cairo during a protest attacking Moslem militants.

Turkish PM vows to clear up underworld scandal

URKEY'S Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan slammed the state's alleged use of far-right gangsters in its fight against rebels, and said he was confident that those involved in any such illegal relationship would be pun-

"You cannot have a gang with-in the state... Nobody can be allowed to do anything illegal, with no exceptions," Erbakan told Turkish columnists in an interview widely published yes-

terday.
Erbakan was speaking in detail for the first time since a scandal over alleged "state gangs" in the underworld erupted last month, following an accident in which a wanted gangster, Abdullah Catli, and a top policeman died in the

A government MP, who heads Turkey's biggest private militia in its fight with separatist rebels of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), was also in the car but survived with minor injuries.

"Nothing, including fighting the PKK, can be an excuse for a crime. If such things happen, those gangs, whatever their make-up, will be disbanded," said Erbakan in an apparent rebuff to comments by his

deputy, Tansu Ciller, that anyone fighting for the state was a hero. Turkey's opposition has accused the Islamist-led ruling coalition of attempting to cover up the scandal.

"The state has many layers. If one tries to cover up something, another section will bring it out into the open," Erbakan said when asked if it was possible for such a scandal to be covered up. Ciller last week defended the mobster, saying "...those who fire bullets or suffer their

wounds in the name of this country ... will always be respectfully remembered by us." Ciller said she bad found, through inquiries, that Catli had not confirmed his conviction in

He had been on the run for 18 Interpol for his alleged role in the 1981 attack on the pope, and in Turkey for the murder of seven leftists.

The media has said Turkey may have ordered Catli or other right-wing gangsters to carry out death-squad killings of an Armenian guerrilla, and suspected PKK rebels who have been fighting the army for control of southeast Turkey since 1984.

Iraq buys food with \$70 million unfrozen assets

RAQ has unfrozen \$70 million worth of funds in a deal arranged by an Austrian firm in exchange for substantial commodities purchases, Jordanian traders said

Jordanian traders involved with the deal said it was coordinated by Vienna-based finance firm F.J. Elsner Company and had enabled Iraq to clinch one of its largest commodity purchases since UN sanctions were imposed on Baghdad for its invasion

of Kuwait in 1990. The deal includes supplying Iraq with 160,000-180,000 tonnes of UK and Argentine wheat, around 75,000 tonnes of Brazilian sugar, and one 33,000-tonnes cargo of Vietnamese rice. Shipments are for November, December, and January for all from date of shipment of the cargo.

SULEIMAN AL-KHALIDI

Iraq insisted on its only sea outlet, Umm Qasr port, which can handle up to 30,000 tons of cargo per vessel, for offloading the cargo rather than Jordan's more developed Aqaba port, which is also closer to European and South American markets, traders said.

Traders said the recently concluded deal involved the Austrian firm playing a key role in "putting in place the mechanism" of unblocking around \$70 million of frozen Iraqi assets in European accounts in exchange for the commodities.

Traders said payment terms were 30 days

One Jordanian trader said the prices Iraq paid to Elsner had a considerable margin. with wheat purchases a high \$224.5 per tonne and sugar around \$425 per tonne. Elsner initialed the deal with grain traders Glencore and Toepfer, who are both supply-ing 70,000 tons and 90,000 tons each of

wheat respectively along with the six 13,000 tonnes cargo each of Brazilian sugar and the Vietnamese rice. Iraq meets most of its needs for rice, esti-

mated at about one million tonnes a year, through imports from either Pakistan, Viemam and Thailand

Iraq's Trade Minister Mohammed Mehdi Saleh left Jordan on Monday heading to

Vietnam to reach deals for large quantities of rice under old debt-settlement payment terms, traders said. Some Jordanian agents of international

grains suppliers have long-standing trade ties with Iraqi grains purchasing bodies and have begun positioning themselves for the coming oil-for-food deal. In Baghdad, Jordanian and Iraqi business-

men signed on Monday a commercial agreement for trade under Iraq's oil-forfood deal with the UN, the official al-Qadissiya newspaper reported on Tuesday.

"The Iraqi chambers of commerce and the society of Jordanian exporters signed a joint commercial protocol to lay down the framework of cooperation in commercial and eco-nomic fields," Qadissiya said. (Reuter)

Saudi Arabia wants to reduce number of foreign chauffeurs

AUDI Arabia wants to phase out all foreign limousine drivers to help find more jobs for nationals, a Saudi newspaper said on Sunday. But limousine services say hiring Sandis is expensive and the "Saudization" process could take time, the English-language Arab News

"Many limousine companies find Saudization a costly proposition," the paper said. They say biring a Saudi driver is a costly affair and it increases their overheads." Of the 18 million people living in Sandi Arabia, about six million are expatriates. Saudis make up less than 7 percent of private sector employees. Saudi citizens had for decades favoured well-paid, halfday managerial jobs in the state sector. But the government can no longer create more public-sector jobs to employ them.

Saudis seizes sex stimulants 'smuggled from Israel'

banned chewing gum and ing them for 100 riyals (\$26).

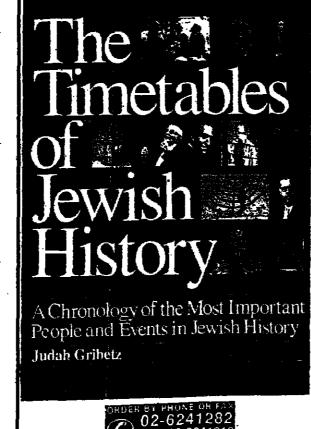
"Before, these products were used on a limited scale," the improve male sexual performance, a Saudi newspaper reported yesterday.

The stimulants, sold discreetly by pharmacies run by "weak souls" in the conservative Moslem kingdom, were apparently smuggled from Israel, the economic daily Al-Equisadiah said. Al-Equisadiah did not disclose the quantity of goods seized from the pharmacies, but said they were mostly made in Spain and

AUDI Arabia has seized Germany. Pharmacies were sell-

newspaper added, "but now, they are getting more widespread." Last year, Sandi Arabia executed four Turks for trying to . smuggle aphrodisiac drugs into the

The executions caused an uproar in Turkey, and prompted Ankara to send an envoy to Saudi Arabia to try to save more Turks death row (Renter)

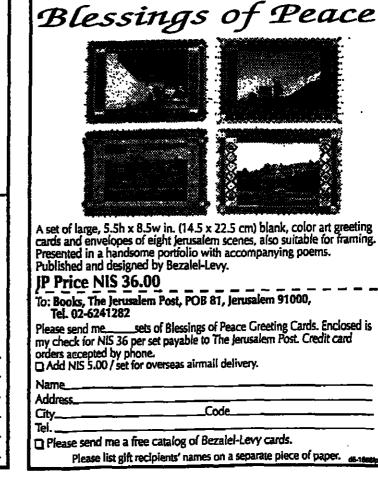


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Politics at its worst

THE period of coy hinting is over; opposition leader Shimon Peres is now openly pushing for a unity government, or what he calls a "peace government." But the fact that Peres insists on personally leading his party in such a government raises suspicions that he cares more about a last shot at power than bolstering the peace process. Be that as it may, Peres has every right to promote unity, but no right to join Egyptian and Syrian Presidents Hosni Mubarak and Hafez Assad in stoking

While Peres has not come out and warned of war, he has come perilously close. In the Knesset on Monday, he said, "There has been a great deterioration in relations between us and the Arab world. One must be careful. It could reach a point where it will be difficult to remedy the situation."

Other Labor leaders were less circumspect. MK Moshe Shahal said that, "Unless there is a significant change, we are likely to find ourselves at the beginning of the year in a military confrontation with the Arab world and specifically with Syria." MK Haim Ramon said, "We have a prime minister whose behavior and declarations are bringing about a deterioration in the situation. No one in this camp wants war or an escalation, but we must sound a warning."

Indeed, the opposition does have the right and the responsibility to sound warnings regarding disturbing trends and threats to the nation. But there is a fine line, however, between warning of threats and contributing to the threats them-

Peres says the reason he now feels comfortable advocating a unity government is that the Netanyahu cabinet has adopted the Oslo process. By any account and despite the bitter opposition of the right wing, Netanyahu has embraced the Oslo framework beyond all expectations.

During the election, Netanyahu could barely refer to Oslo by name, preferring to speak of "honoring all of Israel's international agreements."-Today he still criticizes Oslo, but has repeatedly committed himself to its implementation.

If anything, the Netanyahu government has exhibited a strong desire to prove its commitment to Oslo by redeploying the IDF in Hebron, despite the new situation created by the violence in September and despite all the Palestinian violations of Oslo that the government itself has documented. And with all its talk of "reciprocity," this demand has not been used to delay the negotiations, as some had feared.

The threats by Arab leaders to suspend the peace process or even to resort to war should not be acceptable to any Israeli leader. This is true even if the Netanyahu government had not adopted the Oslo framework to such a surprising degree. Given Peres's own declaration that the government has adopted Oslo, his reluctance to condemn the Arab threats against Israel is even more inexcusable.

A responsible opposition should be able to keep an eye on the national interest and not just

the interests of the party. There is no reason, for example, that Labor leaders cannot critique government policies while condemning Arab threats against Israel as well.

After all, when Arab countries threaten Israel, they threaten the peace process itself; whether by Egypt threatening to freeze normalization or Syria threatening to seize the Golan. While opponents of the peace process may not view such threats with alarm, it is surprising that supporters of the process say nothing.

Unfortunately, the only explanation of this silence is that the opposition views any reduction of the siege atmosphere to be against its own interests. In particular, the Labor supporters of a unity government seem to see Israel's isolation as their own ticket to joining the gov-

Besides being an example of politics at its worst, such tactics amount to playing with fire. Even though war is probably much less likely than some headlines would suggest - and by a purely military calculation, a war could be devastating for the Arab side - wars, as Saddam Hussein demonstrated, may not be launched on purely military considerations. Hafez Assad may be more cautious than Saddam Hussein, but he is no more restrained by public opinion or by the prospect of substantial causalities on his own side.

Clearly, Israel should do everything in its power to deter war militarily. Even if the Time magazine article claiming that Israel is not ready for war is exaggerated, it serves as a wake-up call that should not be ignored.

No less important than military deterrence is political deterrence. The primary component of such deterrence is preventing a situation in which Israel could be blamed for a war, even one started by the Arab side. While this is mainly the job of the government, it is also the responsibility of the opposition.

Opposition leaders should be crystal clear that, whatever their differences with the government. Arab-threats of resorting to war or abandoning the peace process cannot be justified. Such statements by Israel's opposition could inspire foreign governments to follow suit, and put serious pressure on the Arab world to settle its grievances through negotiations rather than

That such a reduction in pressure will help the Netanyahu government should not be a consid-

eration; it will help Israel and it will help peace. US Senator Arthur Vandenberg was an ardent isolationist until the Japanese attack against Pearl Harbor in 1941. After that he became a central figure in the bipartisan support of the war effort and in the establishment of the United Nations and NATO. Vandenberg explained his bipartisan approach to foreign policy by declaring simply, "Politics stops at the water's edge."

It took Pearl Harbor for Senator Vandenberg to become a constructive opponent of his government's foreign policy. The time for the Labor Party to discover such wisdom is before an attack on Israel, not after.

MEIR RONNEN 1998

The winds of war

banner headline in Yediot screamed Aharonot "Danger of War with Syria." The paper cited military intelligence

warnings that without a political "breakthrough" Hafez Assad could go for the military option "to restart the political process." Then at the beginning of this week tension spread to the surrounding Arab states. Egypt's Hosni Mubarak threatened a "cooling off" of normalization (was there ever any?) with Israel.

Saudi Arabia spoke of "fear of war in the region." And the Jordanian premier expressed trepidation over the future of Jordan's peace with Israel. The drums of war are being beaten again in the Middle East,

and as usual the culprit is the state of Israel - with one difference. This time it isn't all of Israel. The peace camp is guiltless.

Israel's Left, along with the mothers who have been placing those anti-army-service ads in the press on their sons' behalf, have already determined that if the Syrians do attack us Assad won't be the one to blame but Binyamin Netanyahu.

Virtually invited to commit aggression and already exonerated from guilt by the mothers of his future victims, can Assad possibly be persuaded to abandon the military operation he is preparing virtually in front of our eyes by anything other than total capitulation to demands?

As for what this "breakthrough" could achieve politically, Assad can contemplate a successful precedent.

About three months ago Yasser Arafat failed to get his way with Netanyahu. When he then used his army to kill 16 Israeli officers and soldiers many Israeli mothers blamed Netanyahu and not the chairman for their sons'

Our opposition and media, meanwhile, conducted the (Israeli) choir singing the "song Syria in 1974.

seemed to justify the jeer-

L ing at Shimon Peres on

account of his visions of a "New

The open hostility to Israel dis-

played there and the antagonistic

statements by Arab leaders

seemed to vindicate the cynics

But closer inspection reveals a

There has been a new Middle

East in the making over the past

I don't mean just Oslo, the

peace treaty with Jordan or the

opening of interest offices by

various Arab states in Israel: nor

the widening of the small wedges

of business opportunities with

other countries throughout the

Welcome as these are they are no

I mean one crucial thing. Since

1973 we have in effect had 23

years of peace, or at least no war -

the longest such period we have

known between shooting sessions.

ister David Ben-Gurion estimat-

ed that the Arabs would be

unable to initiate wars against

Israel more frequently than once

every decade owing to a combi-

nation of the military, economic

and psychological burdens

entailed. Looking back over the

decades we can see that Ben-

Gurion's prediction was closer

to the mark than most modern

public opinion prognostications,

or weather forecasts for that

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In the early 1950s prime min-

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for Arafat," which led to unprecedented and dangerous international support for Palestinian vio-

Now the Arabs know. When they don't get what they want through negotiations, there's always violence. And the Israeli opposition will be widely quoted as saying that the Palestinians (or Syrians, or Egyptians) "had no

Instead of propping up a weak prime minister our elite is virtually inviting Assad to attack

choice," that "the reckless Netanyahu government pushed them up against the wall." The opposition and most of the

media are trying to say that if only Netanyahu were flexible instead of stubborn the winds of war uldn't blow. They are entitled to say that. But

hy, when the chief of military intelligence says Assad might initiate hostilities, are all the accusing glares automatically directed Far-fetched as the idea seems.

couldn't the 'Syrian' leader, just once, be asked to make some little contribution of his own to a "breakthrough"?

For nearly 23 years the Golan border has been quiet, despite the fact that Israel annexed it, rules it and settles it.

Even when Syria was closest to strategic parity with Israel, when it enjoyed Soviet patronage and a virtually unlimited flow of sophisticated weaponry it didn't threaten us with the "military option" the way it does today. The winds of war haven't blown since the separation of forces agreement with

What has changed? After all, rhetoric Defense even the Mordechai Minister Netanyahu employ against Damascus is very mild compared with the frequent and far more blunt language Yitzhak Rabin

used to direct at Assad.

THE SKIES aren't darkening because of Netanyahu's intransigence. Quite the opposite: If war comes, it will be precisely because Netanyahu is weak and soft, and because when the opposition discovered this it began to pressure the prime minister unbearably, eroding his self-confidence to the point where he couldn't even do what the Left was urging.

And Assad, seeing Netanyahu cave in after Arafat's aggression. recognized this fatal weakness in the prime minister. Watching Netanyahu hurry to meet with Arafat in Washington and hear-ing him call the PLO leader "my friend" and "partner" just days after IDF soldiers were attacked and killed – on Arafat's orders. he sensed the time was ripe for him to achieve his goals via the "military option," just like

Faced with a threat like this a nation that is fundamentally at one can unite, even if its internal differences of opinion are great. And if the premier turns out to

be an essentially weak man a responsible opposition must encourage him, build him up, give him the sort of public support that will deter the enemy. Assad would be reluctant to attack a united

But our elite is busy conducting psychological warfare against our government. And all the while they yell that the country is teetering on the brink of disaster.

The writer, a member of the executive committee of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, is chairman of the board of directors of Nekuda.

Shelly's shot

YISRAEL MEDAD

ULES are made to be broken, aren't they? That's obviously what Shelly Yehimovich thought on Sunday. Popular host of a morning Israel Radio interview program Yehimovich was interviewing Meretz MK Avraham Poraz about a dog he had rescued on the Ayalon highway.

Had he given the dog a name? she asked. Poraz replied, "I might call him Binyamin." Retorted Yehimovich: "You could call him Bibi for short."

Israel Radio director Amnon Nadav suspended her for two days and Ma'ariv quoted her as saying, "It was a silly and unnecessary joke. I'd prefer to get into trouble over important issues of principle, not stupid remarks." What bounds did Yehimovich

overstep? Most of the public - and it seems many Israel Broadcasting Authority employees - are unaware that Israel's code of law includes media ethics, and that the IBA has its own professional code, comprising 161 paragraphs, called the Nakdi Document.

Sadly, our research and monitoring shows that many times these rules are honored only in the breach.

The rules violated in Sunday's incident - apart from plain common sense and elementary good taste - would be Paragraph 16, which states that "[IBA] employees must take extreme care when commenting" and Paragraph 26. "the employee must restrain himself from expressing his personal

WHAT actually occurs daily on radio (and TV) interview programs - and Yehimovich is a prime offender - is that listeners can tell from who gets interviewed and the questions asked exactly what the interviewers' personal opinions are.

Any heeding of the rules seems mere tokenism. Yehimovich's behavior might be called the IBA

The attitude of journalists, editors and interviewers is one of arrogance. They are above any attempt at regulation, dismissing it as crass interference or political Not till this past October did the

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IBA amend its traditional practice of having its spokesman rather than its Ombudsman deal with complaints.

And the most prominent media personalities are among the worst offenders.

On another recent radio program Mabat anchorman Haim Yavin stated: "Journalists have long ceased talking about objectivity.... One should try to be fair, but I think that on objectivity,

The talk show host's 'stupid joke' points to a situation that's no laughing matter

There is a New Middle East Cairo conference

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COCKROACH REVELATIONS

Sir. - With reference to your report of November 15.

"Journalist accused of offering bribes for 'dirt' on Netanyahus," I would suggest to the press to get the dirt by interviewing the Hartzufim cockroach clan living under Sara Netanyahu's sink. (Hartzufim's speciality - cloaked under the sacred term "satire" - is after all, to dose Am Yisrael with the weekly "poisonous portion." As for the Prime Minister's

Office's union leader's outcry, methinks it comes a bit late. One might ask how has all the socalled dirt on Sara been leaking to the press all these months? It's clear that someone in the PM's household has long been revealing and/or inventing and pocketing easy money. (By the way, I wonder how any of us would survive the cockroach revelations from under our sinks.)

I know from "the horse's mouth" that, during Israel's war in Lebanon, journalists offered outrageous sums to the PM's house staff to get the gory details as to how badly Begin was affected by the pittless onslaught of cries of "murderer" at his front door. In that case, the staff person in charge did not even permit the carnage to begin.

SHÎRA TWERSKY-CASSEL Jerusalem.

Sir. - 1 am writing to thank The Jerusalem Post in general and Esther Hecht in particular for printing the article about the two handicapped babies who need families (September 27). Due to the wide exposure provided by The Jerusalem Post, it is quite possible that, in the very near future, these babies, and perhaps

MISSED OPPORTUNITY

Yossi Beilin, who is a leading Labor member of the Knesset, while denigrating the importance of the failure of the Palestinian Authority to annul its covenant calling for the destruction of Israel, really points out the fuzzy thinking of the "peace" camp.

Arafat lied to the world when he declared that the covenant was dead. Arafat compounded the lie when he wrote a letter to then prime minister Peres stating that the covenant was rescinded. The conveyance of a lie pertaining to an important clause of Oslo cannot be relegated to minor impor-

strate that it desires to convert its approach from enmity to trust, the easiest thing to do is to declare its intention in unequivocal terms.

covenant issue with a meaningless vote which clearly indicated that it had no desire to eliminate the covenant to destroy Israel, thus skipping a perfect opportunity to exhibit the sincerity of its desire WILLIAM K. LANGFAN

ears when I heard on TV news that Israel's Supreme Court had allowed the GSS to torture suspects, i.e. Palestinians, to obtain information.

I appreciate the precarious situation Israel finds itself in, but I simply cannot understand that a nation which remembers, and constantly reminds the world of, the atrocities committed by the Nazis could stoop so low and officially condone this inhumane treatment of fellow human beings. whatever the circumstances. I feel that a country, above all a country

ADOPTION

others, will find the loving permanent homes they so desperately need. Ms. Hecht's description of the infants moved a fair number of

families to call the office of the Services for the Child (Sherut Lema'an Hayeled) in order to explore the idea of adoption. If there are other people interested

It is obvious even to Beilin that

Palm Beach, Florida.

OUESTIONING PRISONERS

Sir, - I could not believe my human rights can be violated in

violence

as civilized as Israel, where basic

in learning more about the adoption

Sir. - In his article of October 3, tance as Beilin suggests. On the

contrary, it is an illustration of the PA's failure to comply with many of the material clauses of Oslo. If an enemy wants to demon-

The PA chose to obfuscate the

such a cold-blooded way, should not be surprised or annoyed if it loses the respect and friendship of a large number of its - so far faithful supporters. Violence (and torture to me is the worst type of violence) can only lead to more

Is Israel really willing to bear the consequences?

Sevelen, Switzerland.

What the High Court authorized was reasonable physical pressure, as laid down by the Landau Committee. - Ed. J.P.

of Down syndrome and otherwise

handicapped babies, they are invited

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675-4728 during working hours. GĪLA HUGI, Social Worker. Special Adoptions Supervisor. Sherut Lema an Hayeled

TEDDY PREUSS

1967 the Arabs soon declared at Khartoum that they intended going to war again.

They were as good as their word; in little more than six years they unleashed their military might against us once again on the Golan Heights and across the Suez Canal in the Yom Kippur

Their relative success was

No Arab state has attacked Israel for close to a quarter of a century

greater than in any previous war. Israel won not by a knockout, but on points. That military standoff propelled the Golda Meir and Rabin governments into the biggest military buildup in Israel's history, out of fear that Israel's relative success might tempt the Arabs into launching another war.

But the opposite happened. The major defeat of 1967 which many Israelis believed should have "taught the Arabs a lesson" only drove them to war again, while our relative success in 1973 seems to have taught them moderation. Instead of calling for a new round of war. Egypt's Sadat opted for economic development,

Eight years elapsed between the Several months after the cease-War of Independence and the fire the separation of forces Sinai Campaign in October 1956. agreement was signed at We used that time to make big Kilometer 101, followed by the investments in the economy, interim agreement, the partial withdrawal of the IDF from Sinai Another 11 years passed until and the reopening of the Suez the Six Day War. During that period we diverted massive This culminated in Sadat's com-

inexorable wheel of war seemed

to have been reversed. We are

now in the third decade after the

Yom Kippur War.

ACCORDING to the Ben-Gurion model we should have been subjected to two or three major wars during this period. Instead our Arab enemies have given us an

unprecedented respite. The initiative for the war unleashed in Lebanon in 1982 certainly cannot be ascribed to the Arabs. Which leaves us with terrorism and the intifada, both of which were perpetrated by the

At most the Arab states gave the Palestinians inconstant political support and only limited financial and logistic assistance.

The Palestinians complained bitterly at the paucity of this support from their Arab brethren. venting their bitter frustration in vociferous support for Iraq's Saddam Hussein in the Gulf war and in continuing terror attacks from Lebanon and within Israel's cities.

These should be considered pinpricks or scorpion bites at worst, since they never even came close to endangering our existence.

The very real pain from these attacks and the disappointment over what were supposed to be the fruits of peace shouldn't blind us to the fact that there is a New Middle East, one in which no Arab state has attacked Israel for close to a quarter of a century.

There is a good chance that if those who "invited" the concerted Arab attack of 1973 and those who instigated the 1982 war in Lebanon do not repeat their folly we may be vouchsafed yet another quarter-century of no

If so we will truly be able to quote the Bible (Judges 3,11): And the Land was at peace for ing to Jerusalem in 1977. The

The writer is a veteran journal-

journalists have given up." Media Watch complained to the IBA Ombudsman that in this one statement Yavin had opened a door to the violation of at least seven Nakdi Document rules. We are still awaiting a response.

On TV's Friday evening newsmagazine last week Dan Semama reported on the appointment of Professor Israel Hanokuglo as Prime Minister Netanyahu's adviser on academic affairs. Anonymous left-wing circles were "outraged" and attacked Hanokuglo's professional standing and employment record.

His research on genetics was labeled as racist by Shulamit Aloni, who spoke for almost a minute. Archival material was shown out of context. Hanokuglo himself was never

approached for a response, contrary to the requirements of Paragraph 15 of the IBA Ombudsman's regulations. Our public electronic media are incredibly influential. Their power, therefore, must be tem-

pered by accuracy, objectivity, fairness and balance. Israel's democracy is largely dependent upon the information its citizens receive via the media and on the media's own ability to conduct itself in accordance with ethics and the

News and views must not be dictated. IBA employees must inform, not influence. But that isn't the situation today.

Yehimovich isn't the first to violate the rules: she will probably not be the last.

If our self-proclaimed media mandarins continue to shrug off their obligations vis-a-vis society and the law I fear for the future of Our society.

The writer directs Israel's Media Watch



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For the love of Labor

LTHOUGH Haim Ramon is still being cagey about whether or not he intends to run for Labor party leadership, the question, according to his good friend Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg is not if Ramon will run - but when. Given the possibility that Likud's Sali Meridor may take over from Burg in 1999 if a rotation agreement between Labor and Likud obviates the 1997 Jewish Agency elections. Burg himself could well be a contender for prime minister. Or he may be Ramon's running-mate, if the latter forms a breakaway party and repeats his Histadrut triumph. Meanwhile, Meretz chairman Yossi Sarid is publicly contemplating the possibility of tossing his own cap into the prime minis-

APPEARING ON Media File with Avinoam Brog. the dapper brother of Ehud Barak, Gadi Sukenik, head of Channel 2's political desk, in assessing Barak's electoral chances commented: "Barak is not exactly John Travolta He should go on a diet."



Ehud Barak: He should go on

WHEN THEIR SON Nathan Zalman was born, Mitch and Susie Pilcer of Moshav Tzipori found themselves with a small problem on their hands. Because the baby was sound and healthy, Halacha dictated that he be circumcised on the Sabbath. That was fine with them, but for the fact that there was no mohel within walking distance of their home. They were so isolated that they had to induce a mohel to spend the weekend on the moshav, Nahman Sheffer from Kibbutz Lavi was willing, but only on condition that he could be assured of a proper Sappain service. I here is no sy gogue on the moshav and only three of its 80 families are observant. So an approach was made to the Hoshaya congregation, which sent a Torah scroll. Hoshaya's Torah reader Aki Barkan lives within walking distance of Tzipori, and happily came to do the honors, enabling Nathan Zalman to be inducted into the faith in the presence of local sheep farmers, Arabs from Nazareth and relatives and friends from New York, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

LIVING THE part. In her eight years with the Sharon Players, Renee Singer, the popular secretary of the Foreign Press Association, has had two small parts, and has spent most of her time backstage, working with the costumes. Now, she's suddenly been catapulted into the spotlight, and will play the lead role in the January production of Leslie Sand's whodunit Something to Hide directed by Mimi Fachler. Is Singer excited? She was in the

beginning, but she's a little worned that she's beginning to identify too closely with her character what one might call stage fright of a different ilk

JEWISH MEANTIME was definitely not the order of the evening at the opening at the National and Hebrew University Library of the exhibition of 19th-century eachings of Jewish costumes. Jerusalem Friends of the Hebrew University chairman Oded Eliashar in opening the exhibition said "those who know me as a Samech Tet [pure Sephardi] will be surprised that I'm a yekke and like to start on time." Be that as it may, the more pressing reason for his punctuality was that HU president Hanoch Gutfreund was running late for a dinner with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and, after making his own brief remarks, sprinted out of the room.

THE GREATEST compliment for Yiddish folk singer Assia New, who appeared at a benefit luncheon for Herzog Hospital, was when one of the guests asked the name of the young lady who was singing. The exquisitely beautiful New, with the still girlish figure, is a great-grandmother, who also happens to be the mother-in-law of Australian gold tycoon Joseph Gutnick. A member of a distinguished Habad family, New has traveled to many parts of Russia, the US, Canada, Israel and Australia to bring Russian Jews some of their spiritual heritage through music.

JERUSALEM MAYOR Ehud Olmert is much more of a feminist than some of the women who describe themselves as such. When Reuma Weizman was introduced at a City Hall symposium on Violence Against Women as the wife of the president.
Olmert, who was one of two men sitting on the crowded dais, interjected to declare that it was high time that Weizman, who is known for her wide-ranging volunteer work, be recognized in her own right and not as someone's wife. In this respect, Olmert practices what he preaches. His own wife, Aliza, a multi-disciplined artist. is encouraged by her husband to appear in her own right and not as the wife of the mayor.

FOR THE gala bash to celebrate Jane Seymour, star of Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman, chose a metallic, silver-hued gown to express the spirit of the occasion. Entertainment-show hostess Julia Moran was thinking along the same lines and came dressed in an identical outfit. The two celebrities could have pretended not to see each other - or at least one of them might have gone home to change. But conscious of their respective public images, they laughed off the incident, complimented each other on good taste and pretended to enjoy the party.

UNHAPPY TO discover that his hair was thinning on top, Sylvester Stallone put in an urgent call to his barber to temporarily cover the bald patches with hair pieces. Unlike the late Yul Brynner and Telly Savalas, whose baldness was part of their sex appeal, Stallone prefers to remain hirsute and plans to undergo a hair transplant. Who was it that said "Vanity thy name is

Let's hear it for Leviticus

A world-renowned anthropologist suggests that justice has not been done to the third book of the Bible, which lays down the laws for a stress-free life. Ralph Ameian reports

Leviticus is a yawn. After the action-packed chapters of Genesis and Exodus, just made for the likes of Cecil B. DeMille, full of incident, battle and drama, the dreary lists of priestly laws come as something of a let-down. Worthy stuff, no doubt, Indeed some yeshivot start their young students on Leviticus to instruct them on pure law, free of distracting questions of personality.

Bible scholars outside haredi

circles have tended to overlook it; a few even regard it as the remnant of a primitive culture, with its emphasis on sacrifice and purity.

This outlook has been recently challenged, and from an unexpected source. According to Professor Mary Douglas, one of the world's foremost anthropologists and an Honorary Fellow of University College London, Leviticus is a remarkable achievement on many levels. She claims that "it makes the world safe for decent folks," and that it was designed to keep Jewish society free of the stresses that tear other cultures apart.

Douglas was here recently as part of the "Masters of Culture" series organized by Mishkenot Sha'ananim and the Van Leer Institute, and, as well as conducting seminars, she gave lectures to nacked halls.

She is now in her 70s, but the evident enthusiasm with which she warmed to her theme betrayed a lively and enquiring mind. In a recent interview she gave an outline of how she first got involved with Bible studies.

"I did my student field work in central Zaire. The people there were extremely fastidious and had very strict rules - kind of kosher rules - for what you could eat. I didn't know what to make of them: The people themselves had no theory to tell them why these rules were as they were."

Then she read the laws of kashrut as detailed in Leviticus ("I had never read the book before,

n response to your request for responses to today's mores in bringing up children: My chilcan venture no opinions on that matter, except one.

If it is true that today's parents try to be more involved with their offspring, why then do we find – in this country only, I think - so many parents joyfully sending off their seven- and eight-year-olds to a sure risk of death or disable-

Children of this age, and older of course, ride bicycles late at night, on the wrong side of the road, and without lights.

Why the police do nothing to stop this is another matter. But the reason the parents encourage this Russian roulette must surely be a sign that far from loving and succoring their children, they are doing their best to dispose of them as quickly as possible.

John Dicks

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for most people, the book of being Catholic"), and realized she could classify animals into groups according to whether they lived in the air, on the ground, underground, or in the water.

When I got that straight, I found that they were projecting on to the animal world the whole of their social world. For example, underground animals lived with the dead, so a woman who thought she had been cursed by a dead ancestor would be told not to eat such animals. They sorted out the universe according to their society and used it back again to keep their society together."

DOUGLAS did not return to the Bible for 30 years. The main focus of her subsequent work is summed-up by the title of her best-known book, Purity and Danger, in which she examined the concepts of pollution and taboo in various cultures. She identified these concepts as an important theme of Western society, and applied them in a recent work to the modern environmental

Then, a few years ago, she was invited to give the prestigious Gifford lectures in Edinburgh. She was stuck for a subject, until she was asked by a friend who taught in a Presbyterian seminary to talk to her students about the laws of the red heifer as set out in

She found herself at a loss to explain them, as well as the biblical laws of purity and kashrut. The usual reasons given for them - that they were in some way connected with hygiene or were the fragmentary laws of a primitive society or even that, as Maimonides claimed, they needed no explanation - were unsatisfactory. Douglas thought that an anthropological approach "All other societies have reasons

for these prohibitions. Such taboos, however, are used by the people to control and manipulate each other, and they give rise to accusations of sorcery. These



Mary Douglas: Levitions makes the world safe for decent folks.

make everybody hate each other. and can break up families, even entire villages."

Douglas believes that at the time the laws of Leviticus were being composed, which she puts in the period of the Babylonian exile, the priests were unusually aware of this danger because such accusations played an important part in Babylonian society.

"In the Leviticus code, nobody could ever be blamed for illness. Everything could be done by sacrifice and the world would be transformed by sacrifice. There is no blame in Leviticus: All is done by sacrifice and atonement. The priests have got a bad reputation, and I think that they really need to be read more generously. "Douglas emphasizes that in other societies, anyone can denounce spiritual misdemeanor, and uncontrolled denunciations can tear a community apart. But the administration of the Levitical laws of impurity and taboo are placed firmly in the hands of the priests: People cannot suffer because of the arbitrary word of jealous neighbors. "The doctrine makes the world safe for decent folks," she says.

Her studies have taken her even further. She suggests, in a draft paper, that Leviticus may have had an even greater significance than previously supposed, claiming that the sacred space of the text is

patterned on, and reflects the

architecture of, the Tabernacle, "In this light the book is somewhat like a pilgrim text... Only it is an introverted pilgrimage, there is no tabernacle, the temple has been destroyed, the faithful are not moving, the movement is in the book that they are reading." This kind of symbolism, she maintains, can even be found in

the prohibition against eating the suet fat of an offering and its dedication as an offering to the Lord. The geography of the sacrificial body of the animal, which can be divided into three sections or zones, can be compared to the three compartments in the design of the tabernacle, as laid down in

Defending her use of symbolism, she notes that Nahmanides drew a similar parallel between the tabernacle and Mount Sinai based on the "three-zone" division. She also uses observations not at all."

drawn from anthropological fieldwork with other cultures to buttress her conclusions.

DOUGLAS regards what she terms the "whole Leviticus enterprise" as "wildly ambitious." "The project of Genesis and Exodus is to recite divine history and law, but Levitious expounds the principles of God's mind manifest in his creation." She also admires the book as a work of literature. "It is so elegantly put together, so beautiful: They were real masters of literary style."

However, Leviticus, she believes, has suffered through being read through the eyes of the book of Deuteronomy. "Like most religions, there is a mainstream religion, and protest, sectarian religions around it wherever you go. Deuteronomy is obviously a sectarian book, it doesn't like priests at all, very egalitarian and fundamentalist. The outlook in Deuteronomy won, and Leviticus lost and became very meaning-

ONE problem that troubles Douglas is the accepted dating of the composition of the Leviticus sacrificial laws, "I have to accept what the historians say, but an anthropologist has to construct a community. Some of the laws may be earlier, however it is not clear whether or not they were put into practice."

From every angle, Douglas's first trip to Israel proved to be very fruitful. "I am very grateful to Mishkenot Sha'ananim. They brought the best Bible scholars in the land who are interested in Leviticus and they [were] here, listening to me. I could never have done it in Oxford or London. It [was] an unheard-of privilege for me. We had a wonderful time."

She realized that her theories might ruffle some feathers, but as yet, reactions had been positive. Anthropologists dare to talk about sacred subjects, but it's a risk anthropologists have to take."

Douglas plans to continue her work both into Leviticus and into her other extensive anthropological interests with undimmed energy. One last question cannot be resisted. After all her work on food taboos and purity, does she detect a little reluctance on the part of colleagues to invite her round for a meal or a cup of tea? "Oh, that's an old joke! No, none,

Parents must promote safe cycling

Your question and observations bring up the need to make parents aware of bicycle safety rules. Here's what Mordechai Feder, chairperson of the Jerusalem branch of Metuna, a voluntary road-safety organization, had to

. As with any vehicle, parents should make sure the bicycle is in good condition - that the brakes are working, the tires are full of air, that it rolls without squeaking or rubbing, and that the steering

works without catching any-2. It sounds obvious, but the child should know how to ride a bicycle. If he falls off often, he should be

accompanied by an adult. 3. If possible, have the child avoid riding at night. If he rides at night, it should be for transportation, not for sport, and he must have front and back lights. The

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reflectors that come with many bicycles are not sufficient. Accidents involving bicycles are much more frequent and fatal at

the rider 4. Younger children who don't yet know the rules of the road should ride on the sidewalk.

night, when the driver doesn't see

5. Make sure your child knows and follows the rules of the road. He should ride toward the right side, and either far enough away from parked cars to avoid being hit by opening doors, or with an awareness that doors may suddenly

6. Watch out for the Israeli driver. Unlike in other countries, where bicycle riding is respected, Israeli drivers don't think bicycles have any width. They don't think they

Children should always be aware of the traffic around them.

7. While helmets are not yet

mandatory in this country, they do contribute to saving lives and we recommend that everyone wears them. Even the youngest children riding with training wheels on the sidewalk should wear helmets so they associate bicycles with helmets right from the start. But children should know that just because they are wearing a helmet, it doesn't mean they can be

careless. Helmets are not fool-8. Children should get off their

intersections. Stress the rule of one child per

bike. A bicycle is not a toy to be played with on the street. Acrobatics and other tricks should be tried in a park or ball court away from traffic.

10. Clothing should be appropriate for bike-riding. Make sure there is no loose clothing that can be caught in the chain. Tuck cuffs of long pants into the sock on the chain side.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Property firms eye Hapoalim's Amot stake

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between the managers, the funds

have not yet decided what to do.

The funds have three options.

said the source. The first is for

Hapoalim to keep its investment in

the company unchanged, and for

the funds to sell a package of

shares representing about 25% - 30% of Amot's share capital. In

this case no one will control Amot.

the shares voting rights in the company, so that Hapoulim will

own 14% of the voting rights and share capital. If the shares are equalized, Bank Hapoalim will

have to be compensated, said the

The third option is for Bank

Hapoalim to sell its controlling

share in Amot to an investor which

will manage the company. According to media reports.

Housing and Development and

businessman Eliezer Fishman are

among the consortiums interested

Amot Investments owns property estimated at about \$456-682m.

In related news, Bank Hapoalim

intends to purchase property from

Amot for about \$15 million. The

property is currently used by

in acquiring the shares.

A second option is to equalize

AN estimated three groups engaged in the real-estate sector have expressed interest in acquiring 25% to 30% of Amot Investments, the real estate company in which Bank Hapoalim currently holds a 14% stake, and a controlling share, a pension-fund source confirmed yesterday.

Bank Hapoalim is required to shed much of its non-banking holdings by the end of 1996, in accordance with the newly revised

Banking Law.
Amot's remaining shareholders are seven pension funds, who together control 80% of the company, and Hevrat Haovdim which controls 6% of Amot's share capital.

The pension funds prefer not to gain control of Amot because of tax considerations. As a result, they are currently searching for a potential partner to manage the company and replace Bank Hapoalim.
"The pension funds will have to

decide what they want to do within a few days. It is not worth their while to control Amot since it will imply that their investors will reap lower profits because of tax deductions," said a bank source.

The source emphasized that Hapoalim as branch and office because of internal disputes space.

Arafat adviser: Rethink Israel-PA economic pact

CERTAIN clauses of the Paris economic accords between Israel and the Palestinian Authority must be canceled and others redrafted. PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's chief economic adviser, Mohammed Rachid, told The Jerusalem Post this

"The accord is no good because the PA economy is more limited [than Israel's]," said Rachid. "We

signed it and we're being hit by it."
Pointing out that of a \$2.4 billion bilateral trade volume, 95% comprises Israeli exports, Rachid said Paris encourages monopolies, and said the PA is loosing hundreds of millions of shekels as a result of non-returned taxes, particularly purchase

The PA, according to Rachid, has to purchase all its milk and milk products from Tnuva. "Why is it forbidden for us to import milk from abroad?" asked Rachid.

In terms of purchase tax, he claimed that Israel, in line with the agreement, does not hand over purchase tax on goods bought by Palestinians from Israel, or imported through Israel, "We've lost \$170 million in 30 months, on the purchase of cigarettes alone," he said.
While both Treasury Director General David

Brodet, and newly appointed Customs and VAT Director Motti Ayalon are currently unavailable for comment, Ayalon's predecessor Arye Zeif, who played a major role in Paris, last week made a strong defence of the agreement. "This is the only agreement which is working 100 percent, in pure economic terms, to the benefit of both sides." he told an audience of Israeli, Palestinian and foreign businesspeople and government officials.

"The basic Paris agreement must stay. I believe this will be better for the Palestinians than the Israelis, because Israel already has the stronger economy. Maybe it is time to look at some issues

dies at 60

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MENORAH Insurance Company

general manager Shabtai Angel

Shabtai was considered among the insurance sector's most talent-

Appointed general manager of

Menorah seven years ago, he

helped the company become the

fifth largest insurance firm in

served as joint general manager.

Shabtai is among the insurance managers suspected of price-fix-

ing and other illegal activities in

restraint of trade in 1991-92.

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the episode recently reached a plea

bargain with the attorney-general

whereby they confessed to some

of the charges. Shabtai refused to

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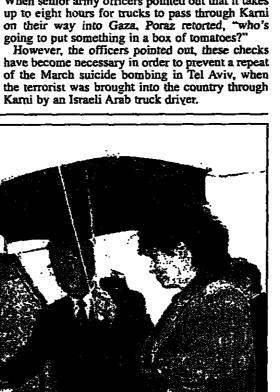
Admitting there were problems surrounding the issue of purchase tax, Zeif added, "this is the main issue on the table. It is neither in our interest, nor that of the Palestinians."

One partial solution, as far as the Palestinians are concerned, to the import/export arrangements, would be the creation of a Gaza seaport, according to Hebrew University economics professor Ephraim Kleiman. This would allow for direct imports to the territories, consequently reducing the use of Haifa and Ashdod, and cutting out the need for Israeli middlemen.

Rachid's comments were made during a visit to Gaza by the Knesset Economics Committee. Rachid, together with PA Planning and International cooperation Minister Nabil Shaath and the six participating opposition MKs, expressed disappointment that the eight coalition members of the committee stayed away.

"This was not a boycott by the coalition," said committee chairman Eli Goldschmidt (Labor). "I think several of them really wanted to come. Perhaps they feel they have to listen to the views of their voters. In any case, only Zvi Hendel (NRP) [who lives in Ganei Tal near Gaza] said he would boycott the tour."

During the visit, Avraham Poraz (Meretz) called into question what he called "the over-the-top security arrangements" at the Karni crossing point. When senior army officers pointed out that it takes



solar electric European Union Energy Commissioner Christos Papoutsis (left) Irish Energy Minister Alan Dukes (center), and EU political adviser Aphrodite Monrelatou have a cup of coffee prepared using solar energy yesterday. Greenpeace organized the event in Brussels to push the EU to allocate more funds for renewable energy research.

lead Israeli banks in '97 earnings **GALIT LIPKIS BECK** to outperform," said the report.

Lehman: Leumi to

BANK Leumi is on track to become Israel's most profitable financial institution in 1997, Lehman Brothers concluded in their report on the bank.

eumi reported a cant improvement in third quarter earnings last week. The bank announced a 113.4 percent increase compared with the same period in 1995, and a 50% growth above the second quarter earnings. The bank reported a nine month profit of NIS 530 m. including NIS 172 m. in the third quarter. Lehman said most of the bank-

ing sector reported an improvement in interest earnings in the third quarter.

"Return on equity should be around 9.5% in that year [1996], assuming current trends persist. That would be a full one percent above the levels we had initially forecast for the bank. Leumi remains our favoured Israeli banking stock and we continue to rate it

Lehman Brothers estimates Bank Leumi will complete 1996 with a net profit of NIS 675 m., based on the assumption that fourth-gearter net earnings will nor be quiet so strong" as in the third quarter.

The consultancy firm also published an optimistic report on Koor. According to Lehman, Koor is making the necessary investments to position itself as "a driving force both in the Middle East and overseas in its core areas: Telecom and electronics, agrochemicals and building materials. Lehman estimates Koor will

continue to perform in line with the firms initial outlook. The company forecasts Koor will end the year with a net profit of NIS 37.08 m., and NIS 41.11 m. in 1997.

"Koor stands at a 23% discount to its underlying valuation, emphasizing the potential to out-perform," concluded Lehman.

Warsaw meeting proposes means to fight car crime

WARSAW (Reuter) - An international conference in Warsaw on car theft, itself a sign more countries are now taking the problem seriously, was set, yesterday, to propose remedies including the creation of a global database for police. "Even three or four years ago, if a country like the US or Germany wanted to raise the stolen car problem with its less affluent neighbors, the political interest was nil," US State Department delegate Jonathan Winer told Reuters.

This conference reflects a new consensus among countries, across the board in Europe, that stolen car rings threaten the quality of life for all their citizens, and law enforcement has got to be more effective in stopping it," said

The United Nations sponsored two-day meeting of law enforcers, insurers and car makers from about 30 countries was set to propose strategies for fighting an international plague, costing billions of dollars a year, which is increasingly viewed as on a par with the narcotics trade.

The conference's draft recommendations, to be pursued at a meeting in Russia next year, call for countries to set up databases on stolen vehicles and feed them into a computer system being developed by interpol in Lyons, France, so officers in any country will be able to check on any suspect vehicle.

They urge countries to amend their laws to make returning stolen vehicles easier, introduce common registration and titling procedures, and propose a standard international treaty for the return of vehicles found to have been stolen in

another country. Winer, deputy assistant secretary at the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement said countries which had been transit routes or recipients of smuggled stolen cars, now had grave car-theft problems them-

Conference host Poland, a transit country for gangs whisking cars stolen in western Europe eastwards to former Soviet states, has itself suffered a boom in vehicle theft. Interpol figures show that in 1995, 50.684 cars were stolen in Poland, a 20.6 percent rise over the previous year, while thefts in Germany fell 8.8 percent to 129,652 over the same period. Several other Western European states also saw declines.

This year, the wife of Poland's interior minister and the top presidential security adviser were among the victims. Prime Minister Cimoszewicz Włodzimierz reflecting Poland's strong concern, promised new legislation and more effective police action,

in a speech opening the gathering. Global figures are unavailable, but in the US, \$6 billion to \$7 b. worth of cars are taken a year, a third of which leave the country, while Europe's annual toll is 1.5 to two million vehicles a year, half of which are not recovered. Cars stolen in Los Angeles wind up in China, Sandi Arabia and Vietnam, sometimes hidden in containers.

A US insurance journal, quoted by a UN information paper, suggests that if car theft were a legitimate business it would rank fifth among the Fortune 500 companies. German police expert Peter Kochler told the conference that

counteractive measures had cut car thefts in his country since. 1994, and the trend continued in the first half of 1996. But, he said, criminals were switching to new methods, including fraud against rental firms or insurers. Many owners are selling their cars to crooks, reporting them as stolen, and collecting from insurance

companies. We estimate that in about 30 to 50 percent of all cases, the owner of the vehicle is involved, although this is not yet supported by statisti-cal evidence." Koehler said.

Microsoft: European Menorah businesses behind US Insurance in exploiting Internet manager Shabtai Angel gap points to a big potential mar-ket. For Europe to match the PC

PARIS (Reuter) - Software group Microsoft Corp warned European businesses yesterday that they lagged behind the US in tapping the power of the Internet and this could undermine their competi-

'We see a lot of short-sightedness in European businesses in their approach to the Internet," said Bernard Vergnes, president of Microsoft Europe. "Unless we wake up, we may have a difficult time tomorrow," he told a news

conference. Vergnes, a Frenchman who omed Microsoft in 1983 and runs the group's European activities out of Paris, said a survey by consultants IDG showed that in the US, about 65 percent of companies with more than 50 employees were using the Internet or planned to do so in the next 12

In Britain, the proportion was 59%, in Germany, 45%, and in France, 28%. Another series of statistics showed that in the US, more than 90% of white collar workers use personal computers while in western Europe the figure is 53% and in eastern Europe

More than 30% of US homes have PCs. compared with less than 10% in Europe. There are 24 PCs per US school. Sweden does better with 25 per school, but the western European average is nine. Vergnes said the gap between

the US and Europe helped the US rise to become the most competitive country in 1995 from fifth place in 1991, according to the World Economic Forum. Germany slipped from second to 10th while Britain and France

ranked 19th and 20th, respective-

ly, last year. For Microsoft, the

million additional PCs must be sold, Vergnes said. He said he expected PC shipments in Europe to total between 16.5 and 17 million this year and then rise a further 12% in 1997 to about 19 mil-"At the moment, more than 70% of computers are being shipped in Europe with Windows

penetration level of the US, 48

95 and (the percentage) is growing. But there is not much room to grow," he said. Microsoft has launched a series of products for the Internet and Intranet market, competing head on with Netscape Communications Corp They include the Explorer, Frontoffice and Internet Studio as well as server packages. It recently added the Microsoft Commercial Internet System, code-named Normandy, which is being tested at 10 organizations in Europe for on-line commercial transactions. Microsoft estimated the number of on-line consumers in Europe at 2.8 million in June 1996 and predicts it will grow to 4.2 million by June 1997, with some seven million business users. A Microsoft official said the

Explorer's share of the browser market was now around 25 percent. He did not give a breakdown for market leader Netscape Navigator and others. Last year, Microsoft overhauled its MSN on-line information service and put it on the Internet instead of marketing it as a proprietary service for subscribers only. The new MSN will be rolled out in English, French and German in 1997 and partnership announce-ments could be made in the next few weeks, Vergnes said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wednesday, December 4, 1996

Bezeq and the communications revolution: Multimedia will soon become a major business of Bezeq, said outgoing director-general Yitzhak Kaul, yesterday, as he presented the company's five-year plan. By this he meant broad-band communications that allow the quick transmission of sound, data, video, and graphics. He asked Communications Minister Limor Livnat for permission for Bezeq to enter all aspects of satellite communications in their various technologies, including broad-band transmissions to homes, He committed himself to purchase additional facilities on the Amos communications satellite. Kaul is leaving Bezeq in February and joining Clal as its director-general.

Electricity rates will rise 4.5 percent from Sunday, the Public Utilities Authority - Electricity decided yesterday. Recent price rises in fuel, were the main reason. However, the regulatory body postponed its decision on a request from Israel Electric Corporation for a further 3.8% increase to fund pensions of former workers. David Harris

Adtranz and Spie Batignolles T.P. together via their Israeli agent Adbin Ltd., gave notice yesterday of their decision to form a consortium to compete for the tender to construct the Tel Aviv rail transit system. Adtranz is a Berlin-based holding company for 50 companies and Spie Batignolles T.P. is a civil engineering subcompany of Schneider Group.

The average gross wage in Israel stood at NIS 5,040 in September, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. If workers in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza are also taken into account, the figure drops to NIS 4,990.

Deputy Housing and Construction Minister Meir Porush gave his support yesterday to the Brodet Committee's recommendations on the reform of Israel's capital markets. Speaking to members of the Knesset Finance Committee, Porush said that, at the very least, a secondary market for mortgages must be established. This would enable banks to increase their funds for loans, and eventually would lead to cheaper mortgages for prospective home-owners.

David Harris

The prices of imports and exports fell in the third quarter, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. Import prices (excluding diamonds and fuel) fell 1.1 percent, following decreases in the first two quarters of the year. Meanwhile, a relatively low 0.4% decrease was registered in the price of exports. This difference between the two figures lead to a 0.7% improvement in the relative price of exports against imports.

Egg prices rose by an average of 4.5 percent this morning.
Largest size eggs will cost consumers 63 agorot, with a dozen size 3 eggs priced at NIS 4.90, the Agriculture Ministry announced

Katsav wants NIS 10m. allocated to market tourism: Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav has announced that an additional NIS10 million is to be allocated to the tourism marketing budget abroad. Speaking at the Eilat promotion conference held this week at the Red Sea resort, he said that the additional sum was to be spreadover two years and, with funds contributed by the industry, to be used by the Israel Tourist Offices abroad.

Meridor: Low internal revenue predictions for '97 are 'relative'

PREDICTIONS of low internal revenues for 1997 should be seen as "relative," and stem from the government's "temporary but exceptionally high" income in 1993-1994, ultimately used as the basis for the 1995 budget, Finance Minister Dan Meridor told coalition MKs yester-

day.

Concerning the budget's pending approval by the Knesset, Meridor said he saw the deliberations as a test for the government because "the

Meridor met with the MKs to speak about the proposed legislative amendments which would raise the minimum wages, but talk spilled over to the 1997 budget.

He called on the coalition to support the budget, including the extra cut on top of the original NIS 4.9 billion cut. "I realize you are not just a rubber stamp but the government can't function properly if every subject is constantly reopened for discussions," he said, according to an

Meridor said that Israel's international economic standing would be harmed if the budget is not cut. He said the budget is particularly difficult this year because the coalition is composed of eight factions. He said he objects to a tax hike because it would harm the economy and raising VAT could result in inflation.

Meridor said he opposes raising the minimum wage because it would increase the cost of labor, particularly in factories using unskilled workers, and this would lead to layoffs. He also said that a wage hike in the public sector among the lowest paid workers would result in an increase salaries further up, which would spill over into the business sector. MK Michael Kleiner said there is agreement on the need for the budget cuts, but he favors a temporary tax hike as the effects would be immediate instead of waiting to the end of the year.

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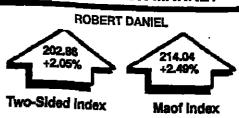
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Shares soar as shekel weakens

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



STOCKS soared as the shekel weakened to its lowest point against the US dollar in six months, improving the outlook for exporters.

Investors also speculated that the government might unite with the Labor party. A national unity government might improve the prospects for the peace process and reassure foreign investors about the safety of their Middle Eastern investments.

The market indexes were led by Bezeq, which leaped 7.5 percent on speculation that Cable & Wireless Plc of Britain would boost its 10.02% holding in the telecommunications company.

The devaluation had a lot to do with it," said Ron Weisberg, trader of Israel Brokerage Investments in Tel Aviv.

The dollar is going very strong across the board."

The chemical companies - Israel Chemicals, Dead Sea Works, Makhteshim, Agan and Bromine rely strongly on exports, and all advanced as the shekel weakened to 3.292 to the US.dollar from 3.273 yesterday. That's the weakest since May 31, when the shekel was at 3.301.

The Maof index jumped 2.49% to 214.04, while the Two-sided Index jumped 2.05% to 202.86. Koor was the most active issue

rising 0.25% on more than NIS 16 million of shares traded. Exporters have been calling for a devaluation because a weaker shekel makes their products cheaper for overseas buyers. They also pay costs and salaries - which often are linked to the inflation rate - in weaker local currency and earn revenue in stronger dollars.

(Bloomberg)

German shares hit 4th record

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - German shares stormed to their fourth record close in a row yesterday as a buoyant dollar boosted bond markets and French equities within sight of their historic high.

British stocks also overcame some of their interest rate jitters to recoup Monday's fall, aided by Wall Street's positive start and strong debt markets.

Germany's 30-share DAX index

stormed to a fresh trading peak at the start of business and closed at its fourth closing record, up 28.38 points, or nearly one percent, at 2,886.98.

The dollar was the major support, but equities gained also from the record strength of German government bonds.

"Everybody who was in the market is happy and everybody else is being forced to pile in," said one trader.

Dow drops on late profit-taking

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue-chip stocks tumbled yesterday as late profit-taking overwhelmed an early attempt to extend the rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average sank 79.01 points to 6,442.69. according to early, unofficial figures. The decline accelerated in

late-trading-as-computer-driven

program selling kicked in. In the broader market, advances led declines by a 13-12 margin on heavy volume of about 519 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange. The Nasdaq composite index looked ready to set its seventh straight record with a halfpoint gain

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BEN-YAIR

(Continued from Page 1) man Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) also said Ben-Yair "started his tenure as a political attorney-general, by declaring the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza to be a seditious body." but added that he thought the attorney-general had been nonpolitical after this initial mistake. Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi maintained a strict neutrality, say-

ing only that he was sorry to see Ben-Yair go. The one real expression of regret from the coalition came from Finance Minister Dan

Meridor. "I think he was a good attorney-general, who coped under conditions which were not easy," he said. "I wish him well in whatever he does next, and I hope that we will find an attorney-general with the value system, legal ability, and stature to continue the tradition of past Israeli attorneygenerals. This is one of the most important positions for the preservation of the rule of law."

The opposition, in contrast, was dismayed by Ben-Yair's sudden resignation, and rejected the idea he had been partisan.

"I never felt [Ben-Yair] had a partisan way of thinking. I think he did his best, and in most cases he succeeded, in being objective, said former law committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz), adding that he was "very worried" about who the Likud would choose as Ben-Yair's replace-

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said Ben-Yair's resignation was "another blow to the rule of law in Israel, which has absorbed many fierce blows since the change in governments." Sarid said he also feared the government would appoint a yes-man in place of Ben-Yair, whom he described as "wise and independent."

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen submitted an urgent motion for the agenda on Ben-Yair's departure, saying it undermines Israeli democracy and raises the suspicion that he had been forced out.

DONUTS

(Continued from Page 1) meet with Habad representatives and IDF chief rabbi to finalize arrangements, but for now, Habad will be able to approach the camps and drop the donuts off for distribution by soldiers inside. The IDF and Defense Ministry in coordination with the chief of staff and chief rabbi will decide at precisely what point Habad will have to hand the donuts over.

Mordechai said the arrangement will be in accordance with his policy to keep the IDF out of political arguments.

He called on other bodies which want to give out donuts and candies to soldiers to coordinate their distribution according to the poli-

It will take a Hanukka miracle to finalize all the details before the start of the holiday unless the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee holds an emergency session on the subject.

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NETANYAHU

(Continued from Page 1) expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank, and said the onus was on Palestinian leaders to renegotiate IDF withdrawal from

Minutes before addressing leaders of 54 nations, Netanyahu accused Palestinian leaders of stalling on troop withdrawal talks in hope that international pressure would be exerted on Israel at the Lisbon summit.

Such pressure "has not materialized." Netanyahu said. He described his bilateral talks with leaders here as "very, very friendly - unusually so."

He advocated further expansion of settlements in the West Bank, although he said his government has made no decision on whether new settlements should be creat-

Newcastle advances in **UEFA Cup**

NEWCASTLE (AP) - Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla scored twice in the last nine minutes to put Newcastle into the last eight of the UEFA Cup after a 2-0 victory over French club Metz last night.

The goals gave Newcastle a 3-1 overall triumph after Metz had missed several clear chances. Asprilla wound up being carried off the field with a hamstring injury and also earned a yellow card for over-celebrating his first goal and that means the Colombian missed the quarterfi-

Newcastle joins Broendby, Inter Milan, Monaco, Tenerife, Valencia, Schalke and Anderlecht in the quarterfinal.

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Warne returns to his best as West Indies crumbles

SYDNEY (Reuter) - Wrist spinner Shane Warne returned to his a single ball and that is what hapcustomary match-winning role as Australia thrashed West Indies by 124 runs in the second cricket Test on Monday to take a stranglehold on the five-Test series.

Warne dispelled any lingering doubts about his rehabilitation from finger surgery seven months ago by taking four for 95 in 27.4 overs at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

But there was despondancy in the West Indies' camp after a performance described by captain Courtney Walsh as "not looking professional".

"We are playing second fiddle. We are not looking as a professional unit and we are making quite a few errors in the field." Walsh said.

"(It is) probably a lack of concentration or lack of commitment or a combination of both. All the guys are trying but it's just not happening for us." he said.

Chasing an improbable yellow target of 340, the tourists stumbled to 215 all out in 69.4 overs on the fifth and final day in a virtual repeat of their equally heavy defeat in the first Test in Brisbane

last week. Both Walsh and his Australian counterpart Mark Taylor said Warne turned the match by bowling Shivnarine Chanderpaul for 71 with a superb delivery just before

lunch. Chanderpaul was lured into an attempted cut shot by a ball pitching three to four feet (one metre) outside his off stump only to see it spin back sharply and shatter his

"Shane can change a game with pened here," said Taylor, whose side will retain the Frank Worrell trophy with a draw in the third Test in Melbourne, starting on December 26.

Warne, who struggled for form in the first Test, has now taken 218 wickets in 46 tests, making him the sixth highest wicket-taker in Test history for Australia.

Warne had recovered 85 to 90 percent of his form and physical fitness after his lengthy lay-off, Taylor said.

West Indies started the day on 27 for no wicket but quickly crumbled to 35 for three before

Although Chanderpaul delayed the outcome, the task of saving the game proved beyond them as they lost their last seven wickets for 63

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Raptors stun Rockets

TORONTO (AP) - The Houston Rockets, playing without Hakeem Olajuwon, had their nine-game winning streak stopped by the Toronto Raptors 100-89 Monday

Damon Stoudamire had 27 points and 11 assists for the Raptors.

Earlier in the day, Olajuwon left a Houston hospital after being treated for the second time in less than two weeks for an irregular heartbeat. The problem is not considered career-threatening, but his return to the Rockets has not been

Charles Barkley had 30 points and 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who are now 15-2.

Mavericks 108, Magic 102
Visiting Dallas rallied from a nine-point deficit in the last 2:23 of regulation, then got seven points in overtime from Oliver Miller to beat Orlando. Miller's dunk at the buzzer capped

an 11-2 run that forced the extra period. The backup center, who spurned
an offer to sign with the Magic during
the preseason, made all three of his
shots in overtime and finished 6-for-6 with 13 points.

Jazz 107, Hornets 97

John Stockton had 22 points and 16 assists as host Utah won its 11th straight game. Karl Malone added 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Jazz.

MONDAY'S NBA RESULTS: Toronto 100, Houston 89 Dallas 108, Orlando 102 Utah 107, Charlotte 97

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WHO'S OPEN? - San Francisco's QB Steve Young drops back to pass under pressure from Atlanta's Dan Owens during first half play on Monday night in Atlanta. (AP)

49ers roll over Falcons 34-10

ATLANTA (AP) - San Francisco quarterback Steve Young ran for two touchdowns, threw for another and piled up 254 yards passing in less than three quarters as the 49ers rolled over the Atlanta

Falcons 34-10 Monday night. Young, who has missed all or parts of eight games because of two concussions and a troublesome groin strain; showed the effects of neither as he ran fearlessly through the Falcons to give San Francisco a 25-3 lead at halftime in Monday's

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straight passes for 62 yards on the 49ers' first possession of the second half, capped off by a 10-yard touchdown throw to Terry Kirby that made it 32-3, Elvis Grbac took over at quarterback.

Young completed 23 of 30 passes, including eight to Jerry Rice in the first half. Kirby had the first 100-yard rushing game for the 49ers in nearly two years, carrying 12 times for 105 yards.

Jeff, Wilkins kicked four first-

half field goals, the last coming on the final play of the first half, and the Falcons trudged off the field to loud boos from the Geo crowd. San Francisco (10-3) remained a game ahead of Carolina in the NFC West heading into next Sunday's

showdown against the Panthers. The 49ers are tied with Green Bay for the best record in the conference, though the Packers have the tie-breaker advantage by virtue of an early-season victory.

The 49ers scored on all six of their first-half possessions, run-

After Young connected on five ning up and down the field for 342 yards. San Francisco averaged a staggering 7.4 yards per play before the break.

The 49ers have beaten the Falcons in eight of their last 10 meetings by an average score of 43-13.

The Falcons scored their only touchdown on Nagle's 7-yard pass to Terance Mathis with 258 108 after Devin Bush blocked a punt. Mathis unleashed a night's worth of frustration by throwing the ball into the second deck.

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Nat'l rugby squad draws

THE national rugby team kept its unbeaten record in the preliminary round to the 1999 World Cup by drawing 9-9 with Switzerland at Hadar Yosef Stadium in Tel Aviv over the weekend. Last week host Israel beat Austria 15-3.

On Saturday night the Israeli team clearly had the better of a lively, rousing game. The home side forwards, ably lead by co-captain Avital Eliasov, paved the way for what could have been a grand victory if the kickers had been on arget. Captain and fly-half Johnny Saacks missed two penalties and then handed over to Adrienne Weinziger who eventually succeeded with two attempts. Doron Edelstein also kicked a penaity.

The visitors replied with three penalties, all by fly-half Peter

Israel's remaining two games in the preliminary round are against Ukraine and Yugosiavia, both in Europe in early May. Israel Rugby Union executive administrator Cyril Morris predicts the team's fate in the group will depend on the game with Ukraine, which has beaten Switzerland 30-0 and Yugoslavia 60-0. Yugoslavia, according to Morris, is bankrupt and at sixes and sevens.

Only the winning team in the group will go forward and has a chance to be one of the 16 countries taking part in the World Cup in Wales in 1999. Joel Gordin

Becker, Washington, Henman advance at Grand Slam Cup

likely to carry the significance of a Wimbledon final, not even when it's part of the richest tennis tournament in the world. That much was clear to MaliVai Washington. Still, Washington wanted a bit of

revenge against Richard Krajicek. It's improbable that Washington ever thought it would be such a piece of cake. The American scored a lopsided

6-1, 6-2 victory yesterday at the \$6 million Grand Slam Cup against the man who beat him in

MUNICH (AP) - No match is Wimbledon final this summer. The 46-minute match was the shortest in the seven-year history of the Grand Slam Cup, and for each minute on the court, Krajicek made \$7,600. The first two matches of the day

also were quick affairs. Tim Henman beat Michael Stich 6-3, 6-3 and Boris Becker defeated Jason Stoltenberg 6-3, 6-2. Becker won the last three games of the first set and the last four in the second Jim Courier advanced to the last eight by beating Marc Rosset 7-5,

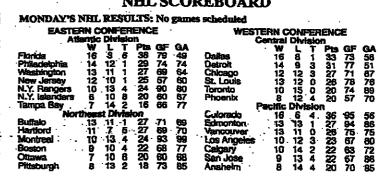
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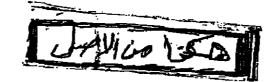
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AMERICAN pianist extraordinaire Murray Perahia returns to play with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. On the program is Mozart's 24th (K491) Piano Concerto as well as two shorter and relatively unknown pieces by Schumann, the Introduction and Allegro Appassionato and the Concerto Allegro with Introduction, none of which has been performed by the IPO before. Michael Stem, in his IPO debut, conducts Tchaikovsky's Francesca da Rimini and the Meditation and Vengeance Dance from Barber's Medea. At the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv Saturday, Sunday and next Tuesday and Thursday, with one performance at the Haifa Auditorium December 14 (8:30).

URI Mayer leads his Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba in Elgar's Serenade for Strings, Ravel's Ma Mère l'Oye and Stravinsky's Dumbarton Oaks, while Sinfonietta members Yaron Prensky and Gregory Yanovsky are the soloists in the Brahms Double Concerto. Tonight in Ashkelon, Saturday and next Monday and Tuesday in Beersheba (8:30).

EITAN Globerson, assistant conductor of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, conducts Ravel's Le Tombeau de Couperin and Schubert's Fifth Symphony, and Russian pianist Boris Pertrushansky plays Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto. Tonight and tomorrow at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

FILM

Adina Hoffman

*** JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH -What makes this Walt Disney film so deeply satisfying isn't just the faithful transfer to the screen of the plot of Roald Dahl's book - about a lonely boy who sets off on an adventure inside an enormous piece of fruit, accompanied by a group of overgrown garden bugs - but the careful attention that director Henry Selick, conceptual designer Lane Smith and a talented team of animators have paid to maintaining the novel's textures.

By using both live-action sequences and stopaction animation, the filmmakers are able to create a richly tactile world of wood and wool and pinkish peach fuzz.

And far from being a soulless bit of technical wizardry, James is a wonderfully balanced work, one that uses mechanical sophistication to articulate complex feelings, and not just because it can. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. General



Murray Perahia plays Mozart and Schumann with the IPO.

audiences: parental guidance recommended for very young children.)

TELEVISION

DAVID ISAACSON

THE directors of voyeuristic movies sometimes justify their prurience by claiming that their work is about voyeurism (preferably that of a gullible audience). But when Bernardo Bertolucci defended Last Tango in Paris (tonight on Channel 2 at 12:32) against charges of obscenity, he could sincerely state that Last Tango is not a sex movie but a movie about sex. Paul (a widower of 45 played by Marlon Brando) tries to have a strictly carnal affair with the teenage Jeanne (Maria Schneider). Yet ultimately, for all his cynicism, he cannot help but fall in love. Last Tango is not to everyone's taste - it is an "art film" - but some consider it the apotheosis of Marlon Brando. And cineastes should appreciate Vittorio Storraro's cinematography, Gato Barbieri's sound track, and a wonderful send-up of the earnest - to say nothing of voyeuristic - François Truffaut.











7 Angry girl confused about

8 Solitary Cavalier that

11 Mean to give information

14 Only a small proportion

17 Monk breaks china cup (8)

18 Trimming of ermine underneath? (8)

19 Force through a lot of

nonsense, on the nod (8)

22 Throw oneself headlong

23 Temple of deity ringed by

27 You once were a little

into series of jobs (6)

parking motorists (6)

24 Let tender out (6)

down-at-heel (4)

supports king (8)

have mercy (7)

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Robs the crippled—there's no advantage in this (4.4) 5 Lousy actor, gets this from critics? (6)
- 9 Find divorces problematic
- 10 Nelson's captain accepting money? Not likely (6) 12 Opposed to a poem (6) 13 Benevolence created by
- careful testator (8) 15 Discarded part of coffee
- estate (7) 16 The ordinary people of one
- state (4) 20 Be up against a word of
- caution (4)
- 21 Head shaved, and hands trimmed (7)
- 25 Danube is flowing, just (8) 26 Satisfy Poet Laureate with

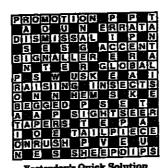
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- 28 Last year's winner is in hospital, not so young (6) 29 Tell solicitor to go away-this is the cronch
 - 30 Task for another Noah, in Nottinghamshire? (6) 31 As defier of the Conqueror he takes the prize (8)

DOWN

- Crazy plan entertained (6) aide 1 Crazy 2 Get request in for seal (6) 3 List of explanations from
- Gary when admitting defeat (8) 4 Assemble fitting (4) 6 Notices about war medals

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Navvy, 4 Gaiter, 8 Regular, 19 Realm, 11 Ally, 12 Distend, 13 Sus, 14 Rave, 16 Onyx, 18 Wan, 20 Impasse, 21 Echo, 24 Throb, 25 Reproof, 26 Relief, 27 Swear.

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22 Silent (9)

23 Attack (5)

1 Brazilian dance 2 Stimulate (7) 3 Hard wood (4) 4 Loud sounds (6) 5 Unclothed (5) 6 Narrow moulding

7 Dishonourable (7) 12 Resolute (7) 13 Desert (7) 15 Influence deeply 16 Be ambitious (6) 17 Maltreat (5) 19 Wooden barrels

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6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

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8:00 Evolutionary Trends 8:30 On Second Thought 9:00 Social Studies 9:30 Candy Can Do It 9:45 Programs for children 10:15 A Century of Zionism 11:15 Geography 11:40 Judaism 12:05 Music 12:35 Science and Technology 13:00 The Onedin Line 14:00 Surprise Train 14:25 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:45 Gaya, Gal and Gill 15:00 Animals

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CHANNEL 2

13:00 Top Cat 13:30 Scoobydoo 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Tic Tac – quiz show 15:00 Beethoven – animated series 15:30 Dave's World 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshel 17:30 SporTV – sport magazine for youth 18:00 Senora 18:55 Changes 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune 21:05 Life According to Lassto Changes 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune 21:05 Life According to Laszlo — comedy series leaturing Hanna Laszlo 21:35 Fatal Money 22:37 The Italians Are Coming (Hebrew, 1996) — the story of two Israelis and an Italian, and the Story of two Israelis and an Italian, and the Story of two Israelis and an Italian, and the Story of two Israelis and an Italian, and the Story of two Israelis and an Italian, and the Story of two Israelis and an Italian, and the Story of two Israelis and an Italian, and members of the fictional Klobutz Gival Hahamisha's water-polo team. With Franco Nero, Asher Tzarlati and Yona Elian, Directed by Eyal Halfon (110 mins.) 00:00 News 00:05 The Italians Are Coming – continued 00:32 Last Tango in Paris (1973) – a middle-aged

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American and a French girl have an after. At the time of its release. Last Tango was highly controversal due to the nucity and sex scenes. With Marlon Brando and Maria Schneider. Directed by Bernardo Bertolucci. (123 mins.) 2:42 Gillette World Sport Special 3:10 Blue Sky 3:35 Nine to Five 4:00 On the Edge of the Shelf

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MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 Quantum Shopping 8:00 TV Shop 14:30 The 700 Club 15:00 Lerry King 15:00 The A-Team 16:55 Family Challenge 17:45 Family Matters 18:10 Saved by the Bell 18:35 Day and Date 19:30 World News Tonight 20:00 Coach 20:25 Dave's World 20:50 Bob Newhart 21:15 Face on a Milk Carton feature film 23:00 CNN 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shooping 3:00 TV Shop

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FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Peria Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:10 Burke's Law 15:00 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perl Negra 20:50 Melrose Place 21:40 negra zu:50 Melrose Place 21:40 Seduced By Madness, part 3 22:30 Silk Stalkings 23:20 The Larry Sanders Show 23:45 Law and Order 00:30 Silk Stalkings 1:20 North of 60

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Triumph of the Heart (1990) (rpt) 13:05 Beat the Devil (1954) – Humphrey Bogart in John Huston's satire (rpt) 14:40 Ad Madness 15:10 To Forget Palermo (1990) (rpt) 16:55 Battling for Baby (1991) - comedy Bartling for Baby (1991) - comedy about two triends who became enemies and now that they have a granddaughter in common, must learn to get along again. With Debbie Reynolds and Courtney Cox (89 mins.) 18:25 Special Report on The Glimmer Man starring Steven Seagel 18:50 Vanished Without a Trace (1992) - true story of three bored boys who decide to commit the perfect crime: kidnapping a school bus for ransom (89 mins.) 20:25 Hard Evidence (1994) (rpt) 22:00 Spree (1996) - a woman on the run from her (1996) - a woman on the run from he husband commits robberies in the attempt to survive. When she is caught the children return to her husband and she sets out to take revenge on her husband (85 mins.) 23:30 Naked (1993) – a charming and charismatic vagabond on an odyssey of urban lone-liness (rpt) 1:45 Fatal Woman (1990) (rpt) 3:20 Backbezt (1993) (rpt)

E CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:00 Coure Marco 9:45

Pink Panther Show 10:20 The Adventures of Pete and Pets 11:05 Hangin with Mr. Cooper 11:30 Limite University 12:00 Shesh-Tus 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:15 Avenger Penguins 13:40 Blinky Bill 14:05 Simba the Lon King 14:30 Coure Marco 15:00 The Center of Things 15:15 Pink Panther Show 15:35 The Center of Things 16:35 Welcome Freshmen 17:00 Limite University – inventors 17:35 Shesh-Tus 18:00 Hugo 18:30 Loony Toons 18:40 18:00 Hugo 18:30 Loony Toons 18:40 Popcomia 19:05 Tasmania 19:30 Ital Poccomia 19:00 lasmania 19:30 Italiand Friends - children's talk show 20:15 Rocko's Modern Life and Ren & Stimpy 20:25 Marrieo with Children 20:45 Roseanne 21:10 Lois and Clark

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Love in Germany (French, 1984)

- love story set in WWII. A German shopkeeper whose husband is lighting shopkeeper whose nusband is lighting on the front becomes involved with a younger Polish POW. With Hanna Schygulla. Directed by Andrzej Warta. (102 mins.) 00:00 Ducles Horas (Spanish, 1981) – a playwight holds rehearsals for his new play in which he examines what motivated his mother to commit suicide. The film moves between reality and imagination (102

E DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 13:00 Searching for Lost Worlds – Atlanus? (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 17:00 Searching for Lost Worlds (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 East Meets West – Thailand 21:00 Cousteau – Secret Societies of Whales and Dolphins 22:00 Special Broadcast on Spirituality in Israel – final show in the series on different ways to find happiness with a visit to Mitzoe Harant in ness with a visit to Mitzpe Harant in Galilee 23:00 East Meets West Thailand (rpt) 00:00 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 The 6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NBC Morning News 8:00 Today 10:00 Wall Street Morning Report 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Street Morning Report 17:00 MSNBC - The Site 18:00 National Geographic 19:00 The Wine Express 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 The Selina Scott Show 21:00 Datelina Selina Scott Show 21:00 Dateline 22:00 Goff: European PGA 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Later Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 1:30 NBC News 2:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 3:00 MSNBC - Interright

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T CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in-Motion 15:00 Bodies in Motion 15:30 Soccer: UEFA Cup -Newcastle vs. Metz (rpt) 18:00 National League Volleyball 19:00 Basketball: Korac Cup: Maccabi Rishon vs... Sporting Alhens – live 21:00 Basketball Champions' League - live

9:30 Recreational Sports Magazine (pt) 10:00 Alpine Sking (rpt) 12:00 Motor Racing: Karting Race, Paris (rpt) 13:00 Soccer: UEFA Cup 15:00 Snowboard 15:30 Recreational Sports Magazine 16:00 Equestrian: World Trophy Magazine 16:00 Equesian with http://
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Canadian Championship 2:00 Recreational Sports Magazine (rpt)

PRIME SPORTS

5:30 Spark 6:30 Goll: Casio Open 8:00 International Motorsports News 9:00 Tennis: V/TA Tour, New York 11:00 Badminton: Grand Prix - finals - live 14:00 Asia Sport Show 14:30 Soccer: Asia Trophy - Gulf Emirates vs. South Korea - live 17:00 Soccer: Asian Trophy - Indonesia vs. Kuwait - live 19:00 Spanish Soccer League 19:30 Motorcycle Racing: Supercross, Pans 20:00 Bacminton: Grand Pnx - finals (m) 23:00 Watersports World 00:00 Trans World Sports 1:00 Gillette World Sport 1:30 Tennis: WTA Tour, New York 3:30 Futbol Mundial 4:00 Soccer: Asa

E BBC WORLD

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ECNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:30 Correspondent 7:30 inside Politics 8:30 Moneyline (rp.) 9:30 World Sports 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:30 CNN Amencan Edition 13:45 O 8 A 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Large King Live 17:30 World 16:00 Large King Live 17:30 World 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 Earth Matters 19:30 O & 421:00 World Business Today 21:30 CNN World News 22:00 Larry King (rpt) 23:00 European News 23:30 Correspondent 00:00 World Business Today Update 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World News 2:30 Moneyline 3:00 Headine News

SKY NEWS

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RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Handel: Oboe concerto no 2 (Goossens/Bath
Fest/Menuhin); Beethoven: Sonata no
9 in A for violin and piano op 47
'Kreutzer' (D. Oistrakh/Oborin);
Krommer: Clarinet concerto in E flat: Krommer: Clarinet concerto in E 188t; Beethoven: Triple concerto in C; Sibelius: Symphony no 2 (Bertin PO/Kamu); Mozart: Exsultate Jubilate (Te Kanawa/London SO/Davis) 12:00 Light Classical – Mozart: movements from wind concertos 13:00 Flutist Yossi Arnheim – Telemann: Fantasy in A; Rocky: Brehute and Furus in D minor Bach: Prelude and Fugue in D minor BWV 539; Debussy: Sonata for flute, viola and harp 14:06-Encore. 15:00 Keys 16:00 Telemann: The Times of Day: oratorio; Schoenberg: Pierrot Lunaire; Mendelssohn: Choral songs 18:00 Grieg: 2 Waltzes for piano; Schumann: Märchenerzählungen for viola and piano (Karni, Goldstein), 3 Songs (Te Kanawa): Franck Pretude, Chorale and Fugue (Richter); Dvorak: Piano trio in B flat op 21 (Apple Hill); Piano trio in 8 flat op 21 (Apple Hill); Tchaikovsky: Serenade in C for strings op 48 (St Martin/Marriner) 20:05 From the Recording Studio – Allon Weber (violin), Oded Weber (piano). Mozart: Sonata in G K301; reger. Prelude and Fugue for violin solo; Vieuxtemps: Ballade and Polonaise op 38; Prokofiev: Sonata no 2 op 94 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 Coluds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 Colude, Generation – sonos of Hugo Golden Generation - songs of Hugo Wolf with singers Elena Gerhardt, Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, Heinrich Schlusnus, Kathleen Ferrier, Elisabeth Schumann, Lotte Lehmanna

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Beilin announces Labor leadership candidacy

MK YOSSI Beilin yesterday joined MKs Ehud Barak and Efraim Sneh in the race for Labor Party leader and candidate for prime minister.

Beilin told a press conference at Beit Sokolov he had made up his mind to run after Labor leader Shimon Peres announced last Thursday he would not contend for the post again. "I don't see at present anyone else in Labor leading the school Peres represented, which is the best combination of peace and security," he

Beilin said he told Peres of his intention to run and that Peres had wished him success, but "I do not expect Peres's public support as long as he is party chair-

A Labor Party man for 24 years, 48-year-old Beilin is more veteran than either Barak or Sneh in the party, where he began as spokesman in 1977. He rose through the ranks, first becoming minister of economy and planning and then minister in the Prime Minister's Office in the Rabin government in 1995.

Beilin said he presents clear and formulated positions, and stands which provide a bridge, rather than a compromise, between secular and religious communities, Jews and Arabs, Right and Left. He added that his election would speed up the end to the Israeli - Palestinian conflict, "which would lead almost automatically to the solution of the dispute with Syria and

Beilin said he sees no possibility of reaching a permanent settlement with the Palestinians without a Palestinian state, whose capital would be called Al-Quds, but would be outside of Jerusalem.

Beilin criticized the tendency to elect a candidate merely

because he appears to have the best chances of winning, warning that this might turn out to be a

"Binyamin Netanyahu as prime minister proves what a mistake it is to elect someone for whom being a candidate is what he does best. Senior Likud ministers told me sadly before the elections. 'We're fielding a man we don't believe in. Today they say, we have a prime minister we don't believe in. They say in the Likud that the party lost the elections. One man won, that's all."

Beilin blasted the attitude guiding Barak, that the leadership candidate must place himself in the middle of the political map, to capture the centrist float-

ing vote.

"This center exists four years, and on election day it vanishes." The floaters from the Right

vote for the Right, while the leftwing ones return to the Left. If the candidate's job is to reach that elusive center, then it's not me. I believe the voter has more respect for one who comes with clear-cut positions and especially with answers to what he would do when he is in power.

But Beilin stressed he has the highest regard for Barak and expressed hope the two could compete without mutual attacks and denunciations.

"I don't want to say I'm better than Barak. Even yesterday we sat together for an hour as friends. But I propose a different model, a different approach, an attempt to bridge between the sides, while Ehud represents the repeated attempt of the center

Beilin said that ultimately he would support the candidate who has the best chances of defeating the Likud candidate in the next

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MK Yossi Beilin meets the press yesterday at Beit Sokolov in Tel Aviv.

do not see other candidates in the said. "The showdown is open and must enable the voters to elect ring, but I do not regard my candidacy as temporary." the leader they believe has the He added, however, that he best chances of getting us back into power. In any case, Labor by might reconsider his candidacy if tradition has a collective leader-Ramon decides to run.

Barak, Labor's leading candi-Beilin's Sneh commended the addiwelcomed tion of "any talented candidate. announcement. "Yossi is a seri-We shall compete with each other ous and talented guy and defiin a respectable, collegial way." nitely a worthy candidate," he

From journalist to party leader?

MK Yossi Beilin has come a long way since he started working for the Davar daily newspaper in 1969, at the age of 21.

In 1977, Beilin left Davar to become spokesman for the Labor Party, and in 1984 was appointed Cabinet secretary. under Prime Minister Shimon Peres in the national unity government formed that year. When Peres changed places with Likud's Yitzhak Shamir, as part of the rotation agreement, to take over the foreign ministry, Beilin went with him as the ministry's political director.

After the 1988 elections, Beilin served as deputy finance minister, and in 1992 was appointed deputy foreign minister in Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's govemment. In 1995, he served as minister of Economy and Planning, and then as minister in the Prime Minister's Office until June 1996.

He is a member of the Knesset's Law Constitution Committee.

In 1981, Beilin received a Ph.D. in political science from the Tel Aviv University, after graduating with an M.A. in political science in 1976 and a B.A. in Hebrew Literature in 1972. Beilin's books include Sons

in the Shadow of their Fathers. (Revivim 1984); The Price of Unity, (Revivim, 1985); The Roots of Israeli Industry. (Keter, 1987); Israel: a Concise Political History. (London: Weidenfeld, 1993); Israel at Age 40 Plus, (Yediot Aharonot, 1993).

Dr. Beilin is married with

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Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the ace of spades, the jack of hearts, the ace of diamonds and the ten of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 4, 14, 16, 21, 23 and 31, and the additional number was 5.

Shas, UTJ angry over Knesset committee election LIAT COLLINS

IN a vote which could cause a coalition crisis, the Knesset yesterday elected MK Uzi Baram (Labor) and Avraham Stem (National Religious Party) to be its representatives on the committee which appoints religious court

Baram gained 44 votes and Stern, 37. Ballots were placed by 102 MKs, although two were invalidated. The vote had been postponed last week, at the request of coalition and Likud fac-

tion chairman Michael Eitan. A two-pronged coalition crisis could result as the Likud had promised United Torah Judaism that its candidate, MK Moshe Gafni, would be one of the two representatives, and the vote had been postponed partly because Stern and Nissim Dahan (Shas) could not reach a rotation agree-

Shas leader Aryeh Deri reportedly called Avigdor Lieberman, the director of the Prime Minister's Office, last night, to complain of the lack of support for Dahan, who gained 24 votes. Gafni, who gained 36 votes, was visibly upset and said it "shows total lack of control within the coalition. From now on, we [UTI] are sitting on the fence."

The ballot was secret. The results vindicated Eitan's fears that the large number of candidates would split the vote and harm Gafni's chances. Last week, Maxim Levy (Gesher-Likud) and Alex Lubotsky (Third Way) offered themselves as candidates. Moledet MK Benny Elon also sought a seat on the committee.

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) had put himself forward as a candidate for the committee, but yesterday morning he yielded to Baram, the Labor party's candidate, so as to avoid splitting the opposition's

Report shows youth have 'worrisome' attitudes about Rabin assassination **BATSHEVA TSUR**

EDUCATION Minister Zevulun Hammer said yesterday his ministry would earmark NIS 1 million towards education for democracy, following publication of a report Yitzhak Rabin.

sulted with other potential candi-

dates, such as MKs Haim Ramon

and Uzi Baram, about represent-

ing their group, Beilin said, "I

am not a candidate for 'the

guys', sent out as a trial balloon.

I represent a unique approach

with a very consolidated politi-

cal, social, and economic con-

cept; more than any other candi-

The report, compiled by a commission headed by Prof. Ozer Schild, found that, while the overwhelming majority of high school pupils feel reprehension with regard to the assassination, there is an indifferent minority. In certain cases, there was even identification with the assassin and the

act.
"Talks with pupils in different

parts of the country and ... newspaper interviews indicate that this is not a marginal phenomenon, but on "worrisome" attitudes towards a worrisome attitude of indiffer- sion members, pupils made the assassination of prime minister ence towards the murder on the remarks such as, "My uncle was part of a minority of

report states. It says that the indifference could be noticed both in state and state religious schools, but "perhaps more strongly" in the latter.

The committee was set up following reports that three high school girls from Kiryat Gat had written fan mail to assassin Yigal Amir and praised his act. The girls later issued retractions, but the commission members found their

sincerity to be wanting. In interviews with the commishurt in a tecrorist bombing, so we hated Rabin," or "I don't feel bad about Rabin," and "In our school there are also girls who have hung

up Amir's poster. The Gross High School, where two of the girls study, took positive action to combat the phenomenon, the report said. It noted that the overall attitude of pupils is

very far from identifying with the In its summary, the report said that schools should not be held solely accountable for influencing public attitudes. However, it is clear that they must deal with the root issues raised following the

assassination.

 A way should be found to hold school discussions on Judaism and

to free discussion. According to some pupils, their teachers' knowledge was insufficient, as was the time allotted to the sub-

· Home-room hours should be devoted to issues of values and society.

· In high school, an additional hour should be added weekly for this purpose.

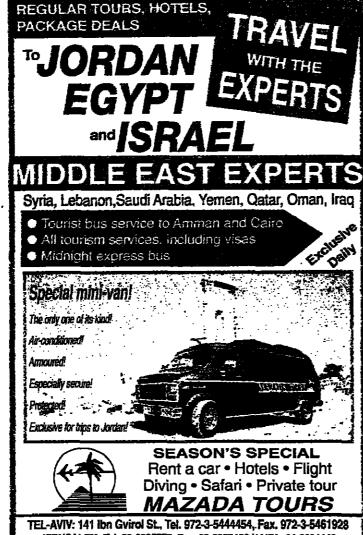
 Schools should concentrate on reducing verbal and non-verbal

violence. The findings were presented at a Jerusalem news conference attended by hammer and the com-

mittee members. Asked about a decision this week by Religious Schools Authority head Matti Dagan, that secular teachers should not be employed in religious schools, Hammer said: "I would not put out such a wide ruling, if it were up to me ... We need a synthesis between the religious

Among the report's recommennature of a school and the quality of the teacher, secular or religious. One should not be dogdemocracy and to leave this open matic about it."

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IDF agrees to external accident probe **EVELYN GORDON**

THE IDF has agreed to give an external commission of inquiry the power to investigate previous inquiries into a 1992 training accident, as well as the accident itself. The commission, which will be the first-ever external commission to

investigate a military accident, was agreed upon by the IDF and the bereaved parents following the parents' petition to the High Court of Justice. The agreement was submitted to the High Court yesterday. Airmen Gil Tzuriano and Assaf Rosenberg fell to their deaths when

their air force rescue helicopter's cable snapped during a drill. After two military boards of inquiry reached conflicting conclusions about the accident's causes, the parents demanded the establishment of an external In an unprecedented move, the IDF agreed to this demand two months

ago. However, it wanted the commission's mandate restricted to the causes of the accident, while the families also wanted the committee to look into possible wrongdoing during the inquiry process itself.
For instance, the families said, it is highly suspicious that then OC Air

Force Herzl Bodinger set up a second inquiry committee - whose findings completely contradicted those of the first - immediately after the High Court issued a show-cause order on the families' earlier petition against the IDF's refusal to prosecute various military personnel. The contradictory findings were the main reason no one was prosecuted.

Following court-ordered negotiations on the subject, the IDF agreed yesterday that the commission will be authorized to examine any aspect of the accident or subsequent investigation that it deems necessary. In exchange, the parents agreed to withdraw a complaint they had filed with the police against Bodinger, and to accept the committee's conclusions as final. The inquiry commission will be headed by retired judge Eliahu

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